



Who You Say I Am *Day 4: Chorus 2*

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Scripture Reference

"My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

- *John 14: 2-3*



Today, we focus in on the second half of our chorus – our Father’s house. For many of us, our childhood memories are filled of our house – our home. So many events and interactions in our lives take place in our house. We can’t help but affiliate it with our childhood. However, those memories may not be good ones, but rather memories of pain and isolation. Nonetheless, Jesus recognized our natural attachment to our earthly houses, so He compared Heaven to a house.

What memories do you have of your childhood house(s)? Even if many of those memories are hard, take a moment to seek the good ones. What was your favorite place to play in or to read in? To the extent our humanly minds can even imagine, how do you think your earthly childhood house reflects God’s forever home for us in Heaven, and how do you think your forever home will differ from your earthly childhood house?

Jesus tells us there is a place in His Father’s house for us. In fact, He is preparing that place for us. He has made room for you. Just as our earthly parents had to prepare a place for us, you are God’s child and He has a place for you. He knows one day you will come to His house, and He knows how to perfectly and uniquely make His house your true home. He eagerly awaits that day. If you’ve never had someone eagerly await your arrival, take a moment to let that sink in. Dear one, you are that precious to your Heavenly Father.

What does it mean to you to have a place in your Father’s house? What does it mean to you that God eagerly awaits your presence in His home? Take time today to recognize the gravity, the depth, of both of those truths. How do you picture Christ preparing a place for you?



Jesus tells us He will come back for us. Maybe your family wasn't quite like that – maybe you've all drifted away from each other and never made your way back. Or maybe you've taken your own path, but you've slowly drifted back together to even a select few of your family members (siblings, grandparents, etc.). Either way, know that, as a part of His family, Jesus has already promised to come back for you to bring you to your eternal family. God, though, goes even further – He gives us the Holy Spirit to journey *with* us through this life.

If you've drifted away from your family, how has that impacted your life? If you've ever reunited with family, what did your reunion look like and what did it mean to you? What does it mean to you that Jesus will come back for you? How does the Holy Spirit play a role in your every-day journey right now? How do those two questions combined impact your relationship with God and your understanding of being a part of His family?

In our scripture, Jesus tells us He wants us to be where He is. Isn't that such a precious assurance today? We can take comfort that someday we will forever be with Jesus. In the meantime, we get to live this life as a child of God. We can be assured that God is using this life to prepare us for our eternal life. Even if your family doesn't resemble God's family in the way you might like, know that God can and does prepare your heart through your earthly experiences of family.

End today in prayer with your Heavenly Father. Thank Him for making a place for you in His family and His home. Thank Him for giving you a family on earth that can help prepare you for your eternal family, even if it's challenging to be grateful for that aspect. Praise Him for His love and His grace.
