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**A TIME FOR...**

**“Removing Obstacles”**

**A defining moment** is a point in your life when you're urged to make a pivotal decision, or when you experience something that fundamentally changes you.

Not only can these moments define us, but they can have a transformative effect on our perceptions and behaviours.



# The Death of Jesus

John 19:28-30 (NLT)

<sup>28</sup> Jesus knew that his mission was now finished, and to fulfill Scripture he said, “I am thirsty.” <sup>29</sup> A jar of sour wine was sitting there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips.

<sup>30</sup> When Jesus had tasted it, he said, **“It is finished!”** Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

## Identity says:

- “Who am I like?”
- “Where do I fit?”
- “Where can I find acceptance?”



# We are in Him the Righteousness of Christ

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

<sup>21</sup> God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

# Jesus our Great High Priest

Hebrews 7:21-26 (NIV)

<sup>21</sup> but he became a priest with an oath when God said to him: “The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: **‘You are a priest forever.’** <sup>22</sup> Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantor of a better covenant. <sup>23</sup> Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup> but because Jesus lives forever, he has **a permanent priesthood.** <sup>25</sup> Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. <sup>26</sup> **Such a high priest truly meets our need**—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.



# Exodus 28:31-35 (NLT)

<sup>31</sup> “Make the robe that is worn with the ephod from a single piece of blue cloth, <sup>32</sup> with an opening for Aaron’s head in the middle of it. Reinforce the opening with a woven collar so it will not tear...<sup>35</sup> Aaron will wear this robe whenever he ministers before the LORD, .... as he goes in and out of the LORD’s presence in the Holy Place. If he wears it, he will not die.

# John 19:23-24 (NLT)

<sup>23</sup> When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they divided his clothes among the four of them. They also took his robe, but it was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. <sup>24</sup> So they said, “Rather than tearing it apart, let’s throw dice for it.”



# We are Called to a Priesthood

Exodus 19:6 (KJV)

<sup>6</sup> And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

1 Peter 2:9 (KJV)

<sup>9</sup> But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

# Isaiah 61:10 (KJV)

<sup>10</sup> I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh *himself* with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth *herself* with her jewels.



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We have to be dressed alike



# The Wedding Banquet

Matthew 22:11-13 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup> “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. <sup>12</sup> He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’

The man was speechless.

<sup>13</sup> “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”



# How do we Answer the Identity Questions?

- “Who am I like?”
- “Where do I fit?”
- “Where can I find acceptance?”
- What holds me back from becoming all God has intended me to be?

**What has happened in my  
circumstances that has become an  
obstacle to the way I think and  
behave?**



God never alters the robe of righteousness  
to fit the man...



Rather, He alters the man to fit the robe.

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