

Message Title: “Your Identity?”
**Series: ACTS 180 – When the World
Was Turned Upside Down!**
180 Church | Acts 22:1-16
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**There is a direct connection between
our _____ and our identity**

Philippians 4:7 “The peace of God that surpasses all understanding...”

Acts 21:38 “Are you not the Egyptian, then, who recently stirred up a revolt and led the four thousand men of the Assassins out into the wilderness?”

Acts 22:1-16 ““Brothers and fathers, hear the defense that I now make before you.”² And when they heard that he was addressing them in the Hebrew language, they became even more quiet. And he said:³ “I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated at the feet of Gamaliel according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God as all of you are this day.⁴ I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering to prison both men and women,⁵ as the high priest and the whole council of elders can bear me witness. From them I received letters to the brothers, and I journeyed toward Damascus to take those also who were there and bring them in bonds to Jerusalem to be punished.⁶ “As I was on my way and drew near to Damascus, about noon a great light from heaven suddenly shone around me.⁷ And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?’⁸ And I answered, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And he said to me, ‘I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.’⁹ Now those who were with me saw the light but did not understand the voice of the one who was speaking to me.¹⁰ And I said, ‘What shall I do, Lord?’ And the Lord said to me, ‘Rise, and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all that is appointed for you to do.’¹¹ And since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me, and came into Damascus.¹² “And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there,¹³ came to me, and standing by me said to me, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight.’ And at that very hour I received my sight and saw him.¹⁴ And he said, ‘The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear a voice from his mouth;¹⁵ for you will be a witness for him to everyone of what you have seen and heard.¹⁶ And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on His name.”

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If you’ve seen _____, you’ve seen the will of God.

- 1. PLACING _____ ABOVE OUR WILL.**
- 2. SHARE YOUR _____ (WITNESS).**
- 3. _____ – “WHY DO YOU WAIT?”**

Our _____ is not in what we have done, can do, or will do, but in what _____ has done, can do & will do.

LOOK IN:

1. How has (or how could) God use your own story to help you connect with others? What kinds of people in what particular circumstances might you relate to best?
2. How do you respond in the midst of chaos? How does this passage and sermon encourage or challenge you?
3. What has it looked like in your own life when you've chosen to follow your own will? What are ways that you've chosen to follow God's will?
4. What kinds of things has God done in your life that you could tell others about? How might these things help others to find faith in God?
5. Is your identity more based on what you do or what Jesus has done for you? Where do you most struggle to accept God's grace in your life?