



CHAPTER FOUR: Embracing Your Place

Time to Stretch Questions

1. Have you faced a situation or circumstance, which left you feeling overlooked, insignificant, or disappointed? Take some time to consider how you felt and what you learned from that situation or experience. But don't stop there. Also consider what God might have to say about it. Record your thoughts below.

4. Take about 10 minutes to search for the word "faithful" and "faithfulness" on Biblegateway.com. Skim through the verses and write down three that stand out to you. Commit to memorizing these verses so that you can quote them when you need to remember about God's faithfulness in the future.

5. We've talked about the significant part you get play in the family of God. How does knowing this truth make you feel? Can you see yourself functioning in that way now?

6. Take a few minutes to read the passage from Romans below, which reminds us about our part in the body of Christ. Then use the prayer prompts to talk with the Lord about your life, identity, and purpose in the family of God.

Romans 12:3-5 NIV

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

God, as I come before you today, I am sure I have thought of myself as more highly than I ought. Please forgive me for feeling this way...

God, I ask you to help me, teach me how to think of myself with sober judgment {without pride or arrogance} and show me the areas in which I can be prideful, critical, arrogant, self-serving...

God, you have given me the gift of faith. Help me to walk in faith and give up my need to control my life and others...

God you promise that I am significant because I am part of your family and designed to meet a need in the body of Christ. Please show me the ways You want to use me to serve...

my family...

my friends...

my school and work...

I know, God, that I long to belong. Please show me where I ought to be careful, so that I don't pursue belonging to the wrong crowd or chase after the wrong opportunity...

Lord, help me to focus on having this need met within the body of Christ, with these people....

Make me, Lord, to be willing to meet their needs, and not just my own, as I remember my purpose within Your family and find my identity rooted in what you have to say about me...

In Jesus' Name, Amen.