

***“God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you” Exodus 3:14 (NIV)***

### **WHO ARE YOU?**

How many times has someone asked, “Who are you?”? I imagine it has happened many times, either when you were meeting someone for the first time or when you were in a group introducing yourself. You may respond with either: I am (insert your name), I am the pharmacist, I am the pharmacy technician, or I am (insert child’s name) mother or father. You may also be in a situation where you might respond, I am your pastor, I am your child’s teacher this year, or I am your physician. I am also sure you have asked that same question to others, “Who are you?”, and I imagine you expected a similar answer as you might have given to the same question.

When Moses asked the burning bush, “who shall I say sent me to the Pharaoh”, God answered, “tell them I AM who I AM” Ex 3:14 (NIV). Now imagine yourself walking the earth at the time Jesus walked the earth. The question is then asked of Jesus, and he answers, “very truly I tell you, before Abraham was born, I AM” John 8:58 (NIV). At this time, the Pharisees, and the Jewish community knew God as the Great I AM, and now someone merely 30 years of age is claiming to be born before Abraham, and even worse, claims to be I AM! Such blasphemy! There is no doubt the Jews understood what Jesus was saying to them because they began to pick up stones to kill him for making himself equal to God.

Jesus goes on through his ministry to repeat the I AM in several defining ways in the Gospel of John (NIV): I AM the bread of life” (6:35); “I AM the light of the world” (8:12); “I AM the door” (10:7); “I AM the Good Shepherd” (10:11,14); “I AM the resurrection and the Life” (11:25); “I AM the way, the truth and the life (14:6); and “I AM the true vine” (15:65).

When I am asked the question, “Who are you”, I sometimes think to myself, How should I answer this question? Should I respond with my given name, my profession, my role in this life, or should I answer with “I am a Believer of Jesus Christ and therefore a child of God”. What would the response from others be if I answered in such a way? Would I be stoned, as the Jews wanted to do to Jesus? Not likely, but I imagine the response might, in some cases, be similar but less violent!

We were all put on this earth for a purpose. We are who we are. We possess God-given talents, strengths, and resources so that we can defeat challenges, overcome difficulties, fulfill God’s purpose for putting us where we are now, and answer the question, “Who are you?”

The challenge remains for us to answer, “Who are you?” Your answer may either be: My name is (insert name), or I am a pharmacist, a pharmacy technician, a mother, a father, a teacher, or a pastor. I encourage us all to look beyond the label, name, or title and look deeper into our souls and to ask the question, “Who am I?” Am I fulfilling my purpose here on earth, am I answering God’s call, am I reaching out to others, and will I be able to hear Him say, “Welcome my good and faithful servant”, when the time comes?

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