

# To find your true self, you need to look for God

Well, some of you have waited all week for this day. It is Friday, and you finally have some “free time” for yourself.

So if I may, can I pull up a chair in your living room and talk to you a little? Thanks. Who are you? I mean really — not who people think you are, but who are you?

That can kind of be a scary question can’t it? As you ponder that, did you know that there has never been and never will be anyone like you? This is getting exciting.

Because of that, no one on the face of the earth can worship God like you. As you think about the “True You,” realize you are a work in progress.

This was several years ago, but I can remember prior to a greeting time at church it was shared how none of us have arrived in life spiri-



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tually and that we were all a work in progress.

It was supposed to be an encouraging comment. I mean, I don’t know about you, but I am glad that what I see in me doesn’t have to be the finished product. I have some rough edges, how about you?

Anyway, I went around and was greeting people and made a comment to an individual that they were a work in progress. Their response indicated that I offended them. It wasn’t a comment intended to point out weaknesses but one to rejoice

that in spite of our weaknesses there is still hope.

God isn’t done with me or you! I mean that is part of what

Jeremiah 18:1-6 is dealing with. When God sees something in us that needs to be changed, He doesn’t just turn His head, He wants to work it out of us. It is never too late for you to be who you might have been.

Part of the true identity God wants to give you and I is this: true freedom is having nothing to prove. Are you trying to prove things to people? It is easy to fall into that trap.

I have to prove this to my parents or teacher. I have to prove I can have a nice vehicle like my neighbor. I can’t afford the payments, but it’s a

nice car.

Listen, the more you base your identity on who God is and what God can do, the less you have to prove. And the less you have to prove the more you can be yourself.

I love what Abraham Lincoln said, “You can please all of the people some of the time, some of the people all of the time, but you can’t please all of the people all of the time.”

Part of discovering who you are is coming to terms with who you’re not.

There is an individual in the Old Testament by the name of David who asked this same question we are looking at tonight in 2 Samuel 7:18: “Then King David went in and sat before the Lord and prayed, ‘Who am I, O Sovereign Lord, and what is my family that you have brought

me this far?’”

Of course the answer to that question depends on who you ask. David’s father saw a shepherd. His brothers saw a go-fer. Saul saw a boy. God saw a King!

I wonder how God sees you? If you really want to find out who you are, ask God the question, “Who am I?”

Let’s wrap this up with a few final thoughts. God is the only mirror that will give you an accurate assessment of who you are.

Romans 12:3 is a touchstone for this ID for the true you. It says the only accurate way to understand ourselves is by who God is and what God does.

You don’t find yourself by looking for yourself. You find yourself by looking for God, and when you find God, you find yourself.

C.S. Lewis said, “Your real, new self will not come as long as you are looking for it. It will come when you are looking for Him. Look for yourself, and you will find in the long run only hatred, loneliness, despair, rage, ruin and decay. But look for Christ, and you will find Him and with Him everything else thrown in.”

Let me try to say it as concisely as I can: if you base your identity on the opinions of other people, you’re worshipping their opinions. Stop worshipping their opinions of you and start worshipping the God who created you. Remember, love God and love people.

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## matters of record

### Goodland Police

The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

**Aug. 19** — 12:12 p.m., 1624 Colorado, Jimmy Reyna reported a theft. Case referred to county attorney.

**Aug. 20** — 1:08 a.m., 2218 Commerce, arrested Monroe Glen Mitchek for battery and disorderly conduct against Troy Lee Vallejo. Case referred to city attorney.

9:25 a.m., 222 W. 15, Robert Johnson reported criminal damage to property.

4:18 a.m., 318 Washington, Diane Stefan reported aggravated assault and aggravated kidnapping. Case referred to county attorney.

**Aug. 21** — 4:18 a.m., 314 W. Seventh, arrested Bradley Schibbelhut for violation of protective order for John Anthony. Case referred to city attorney.

8:25 a.m., 204 W. 11th, child in need of care, runaway. Case referred to county attorney.

8:50 a.m., 222 W. old U.S. 24, arrested Jeffery Aultman on a warrant. Case referred to city attorney.

9:06 a.m., 222 W. old U.S. 24, arrested Jeffery Aultman on a warrant. Case referred to city attorney.

11:04 a.m., 204 W. 11th, two juveniles put into protective custody. Case referred to county attorney.

9:52 p.m., 206 N. Main, arrested Brian Nicholson on a warrant for another jurisdiction. Case referred to Thomas County.

**Aug. 22** — 7:30 p.m., 2510 Commerce, arrested Noe Musquiz for assault against John Paul Gregory Williams. Case referred to city attorney.

**Aug. 23** — 3:29 p.m., 2510 Commerce, Presto reported a gas skip.

**Aug. 24** — 5:41 p.m., 1209 Cherry, juveniles reported a criminal threat. Case referred to county attorney.

**Aug. 25** — 11 a.m., 224 E. Seventh, arrested Dale Light for disorderly conduct against Wayne Hill. Case referred to city attorney.

11:19 p.m., 1204 E. 13th, arrested Dustin Larsen for minor in possession. Case referred to city attorney.

**Aug. 26** — 7:24 p.m., 1802 Sandy, Stagesop Sinclair reported a theft.

**Aug. 27** — 2:04 a.m., 1615 Texas, arrested Irvin Linsy for driving while suspended and transporting an open container. Case referred to city attorney.

**Aug. 30** — 9:18 p.m., 326 Sherman, arrested Valentino Pena for endangering a child under 18, domestic battery and disorderly con-

duct. Victims were a juvenile and Kristina Pena. Case referred to city attorney.

**Aug. 31** — 8:25 a.m., 1209 Cherry, report of arson at Goodland High School by a juvenile. Case referred to county attorney.

8:26 a.m., 2510 Commerce, Presto reported a theft. Case referred to county attorney.

3:18 p.m., 1321 Clark, Brenda Shockey reported a theft.

**Sept. 1** — 3:05 p.m., 1209 Harrison, Apt. 2, Brady Hill reported a theft.

4:26 p.m., 808 Kansas, Gerald Nett reported a theft.

**Sept. 2** — 12:33 a.m., 1602 Main, arrested Michael John Meehan for battery and disorderly conduct against Kevin Delano. Case referred to city attorney.

**Sept. 3** — 7:36 a.m., 2510 Commerce, Presto reported a gas skip.

6:59 p.m., 1218 Main, Goodland Churches Thrift Shop reported a theft.

**Sept. 4** — 11:34 a.m., 709 W. 13th, Blake Henderson reported a theft.

### District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:

**Aug. 4** — Mark P. Mahon \$156 for improper parking.

Joshua S. Roseman \$144 for speeding.

Tracy D. Weber \$114 for speeding.

Marzena Zalupska \$138 for speeding.

**Aug. 5** — Jim H. Jung \$132 for speeding.

Courtney M. Schields \$165 for improper parking.

Brad D. Schneider \$108 for speeding.

**Aug. 6** — Steven T. Be \$150 for speeding.

Melanie M. Meuchel \$144 for speeding.

Jefferson J. Patrick \$120 for speeding.

Jose Sandoval \$10 for no seat belt.

Hany N. Soni \$144 for speeding.

**Aug. 7** — Catherine R. Grote dismissed for no liability insurance.

Craig G. Hoyt \$144 for speeding.

Jacek John Mackiewicz \$306 for over weight load.

Thomas D. Mercure \$188 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

Tanya Montpellier de Horner \$126 for speeding.

Timothy R. Vanmeter \$126 for speeding.

**Aug. 8** — Zachary T. Champlin \$237 for speeding.

Martin Garcia \$126 for speeding.

Jeffrey M. Goode \$150 for speeding.

**Aug. 11** — Phap M. Duong \$166

for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

**Aug. 13** — Heather J. Adamus

\$156 for speeding.

John H. Lawrence \$188 for motor carrier safety rules and regula-

tions.

Rudolph S. Schlotthauer \$132 for speeding.

## Worship warms the heart

**Calvary Gospel Church**  
*Pastor:* Steve Rains, Ben Coats, youth pastor  
Fourth & College • 890-3605  
**Sunday:** Kid’s Church: 10:30 am  
Morning Service: 10:30 am  
Evening Service: 5:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Adult mid-week service: 7:00 p.m.  
Youth @ the Rock House: 7:00 p.m.  
Small Group Ministries meets through out the week.  
www.calvarygospel.net

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help**  
*Pastor:* Father Norbert Dlabal  
307 W. 13th • 890-7205  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
4:30-5 pm Saturday or by appointment  
**Mass Schedule:**  
Saturday: 6 pm, Sunday: 10:30 am  
**Spanish Mass:**  
Sunday: 4 pm

**Sonrise Christian Church**  
Ninth & Caldwell • 899-5398  
**Minister:** Charles E. Kerr, Jr.  
**Sunday:** Worship Service: 9:30 am  
Sunday School: 10:45 am  
Team Puppeteers: 6 pm  
**Wednesday:**  
Junior/Senior High Meeting: 7 pm  
Adult & Children’s Classes: 7 pm  
Jets, 4th grade and under: 3:30 - 4:30

**Word of Life**  
**Joursquare Church**  
10th & Clark • 899-5250  
**Pastor:** John Coumerilh  
**Sunday:** Worship Celebration  
and Kids’ Church: 10:30 am  
Wednesday: K.W.A.M.!  
Age 3 through grade 6, 6:30 p.m.  
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**Sunday:** Worship Service: 9 am  
Sunday School: 10 am  
Evening Service: 6 pm

**Bible Baptist Church**  
*Pastor:* Michael Estep  
Fifth & Broadway  
890-7368  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9 am  
Morning Service: 10 am  
Evening Service: 6:30 pm  
**Wednesday:** Evening Bible Study: 7 pm

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**  
1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO  
(719) 346-7984  
**Sacrament Meeting:** 10 am  
**Sunday School:** 11:15 am  
**Priesthood/Relief Society:** 12 am

**Iglesia Del Dios Vivo**  
La Luz Del Mundo  
Spanish Speaking Church  
**Minister:** Esteban Ortiz B.  
1601 Texas • 899-5275  
**Daily Prayer:** Sunday thru  
Saturday: 5 am & 6 pm  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 10 am

**United Methodist Church**  
**Brewster:**  
*Pastor:*  
Worship Service: 10:45 am CST  
Sunday School: 9:45 am CST  
**Winona:**  
**Minister:** Rev. Bob Winters  
Worship Service: 9 am CST  
Sunday School: 10:15 am CST

**First Christian Church**  
(Disciples of Christ)  
*Pastor: Rev. Ted Amos*  
Eighth & Arcade • 890-5233  
**Sunday:** Worship Service: 9:30 am  
**Sunday School:** 8:30 a.m.  
**Activities:** Junior High & High School Youth Groups,  
Adult Bible Study, Choir, Men’s and Women’s Groups,  
Devotions Study, Monthly Fellowship  
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**United Methodist Church**  
*Pastor:* Leonard Cox  
399-2468  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9 am  
Worship Service: 10:15 am

**Church of the Nazarene**  
*Pastor:* Bob Willis  
Third & Caldwell  
899-2080 or 899-3797  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9:45 am  
Worship Service: 10:50 am  
Evening Service: 6 pm  
**Wednesday:** Evening Service: 7 pm

**First United Methodist Church**  
1116 Sherman  
899-3631  
*Pastor:* Rev. Janet Hernandez  
**Saturday:** Informal Worship: 5:30 pm  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9:15 am  
Worship Service: 10:30 am

**Goodland Bible Church**  
109 Willow Road • 899-6400  
*Pastor:* Chad DeJong  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9:30 am  
Morning Worship: 10:45 am  
Evening Worship: 6 pm  
**Wednesday:** AWANA (Winter)  
and prayer: 7 p.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
*Pastor:* Travis Blake  
Fifth & Center • 890-3450  
**Sunday:** Sunday School for all ages:  
9:15 am (Child care provided)  
Morning Worship: 10:30 am  
**Wednesday:** Bible study 7 p.m.  
Call church for information  
**Thursday:** Bible study 9:30 a.m.  
Wheatridge Center

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
13th & Center  
Church 890-2115 or Rectory 890-6969  
**Priest:** Father Hal Lycett  
**Holy Eucharist:** 10:00 a.m. Sunday  
10:00 a.m. Thursday  
**Morning Prayer:** 8:00 a.m. Wed. - Sun.  
For emergencies Wed. - Sun. 890-6969  
Sr. Warden for emergencies  
Mon. and Tues. 890-3320

**Harvest Evangelical Free Church**  
104 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-7918  
*Pastor:* Brian Fugleberg  
**Sunday:** Worship: 9:30 am  
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.  
**Wednesday:** Youth group  
meets at 7 p.m.  
at Scherlings’, 827 Caldwell.

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
13th & Sherman • 890-6161  
*Pastor:* Scott Grimshaw  
**Sunday:** Christian eduction/fellowship:  
10:15 a.m.  
Worship Service: 9 am  
**Wednesday:** Confirmation: 6 pm

**Seventh Day Adventist Church**  
1160 Cattletrail  
*Pastor:* Jim Martin  
**Saturday:** Sabbath School: 9:30 am  
Worship Service: 11 am

**Church of Christ**  
401 Caldwell  
890-6185  
**Sunday:** Bible Study: 9:45 am  
Worship Service: 10:45 am  
**Wednesday:** Bible Study: 7 pm

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