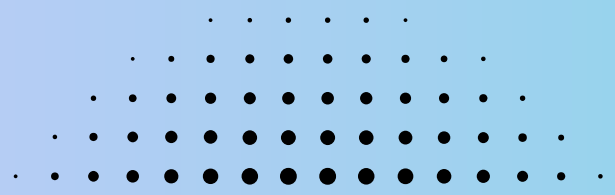


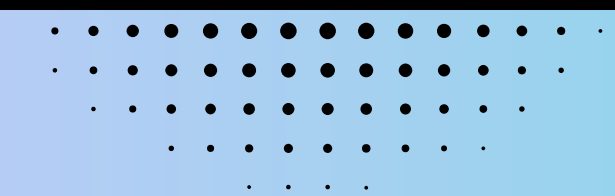
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Lesson 7: Made on Purpose





Mirror, Mirror



Let's Share

Why do you think we put so much effort into mirroring the identities of others in the first place?



Digging in



Psalm 139:13-16 (NLT)

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body
and knit me together in my mother's womb.

Thank you for making me so **wonderfully complex!**

Your workmanship is **marvelous**—how well I know it.

You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion,
as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.

You saw me before I was born.

Every day of my life was recorded in your book.

Every moment was laid out
before a single day had passed.

Let's Discuss

What does this passage tell us about how God created your body?



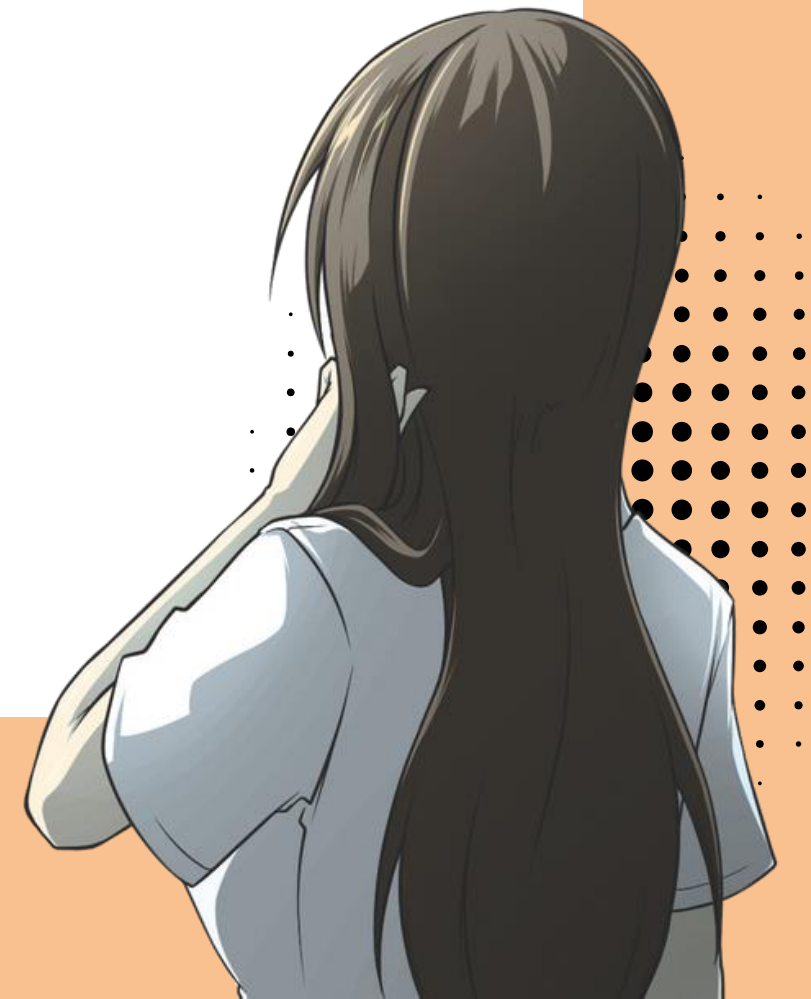
Let's Discuss

What does this passage tell us about God's plans for your life?



Let's Discuss

How does the way God designed you relate to the purpose he has for your life?



Let's Discuss

How does being a man or woman allow you to reflect God's character to others?



Ephesians 4:17-20 (NLT)

With the Lord's authority I say this: Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused. Their minds are full of darkness; **they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him.** They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity.

But that isn't what you learned about Christ. **Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him,** throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. **Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.**

Let's Discuss

What does this passage tell us about why we may question our identity?



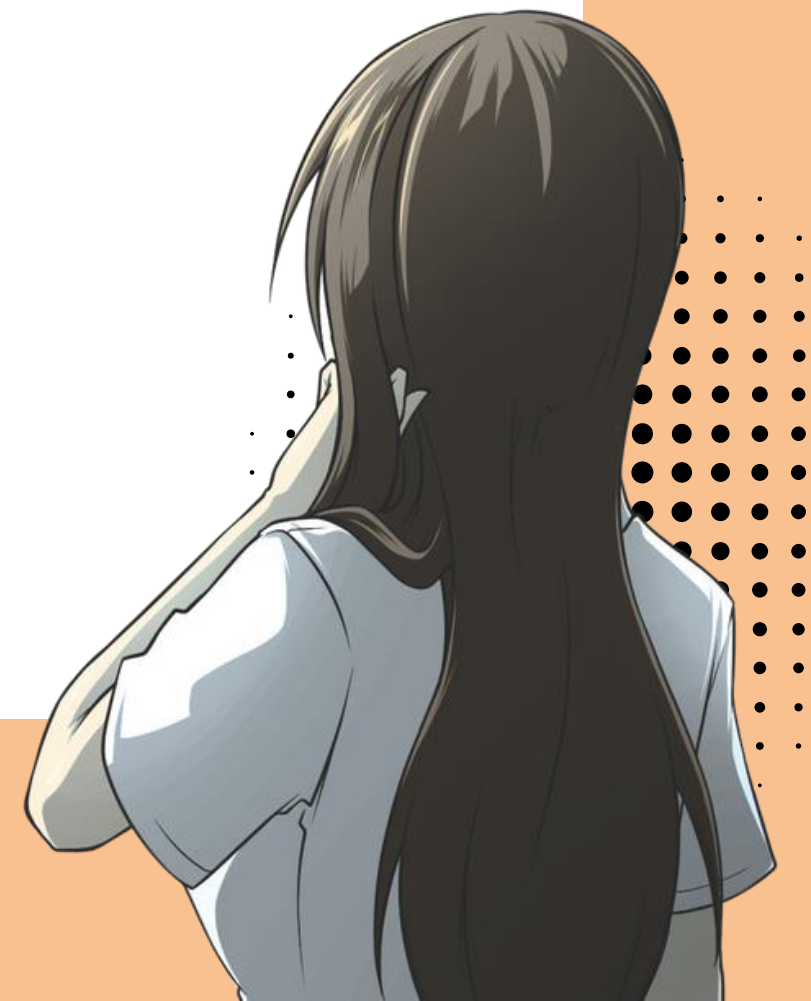
Let's Discuss

What role does the Spirit play in forming our identity in Christ?



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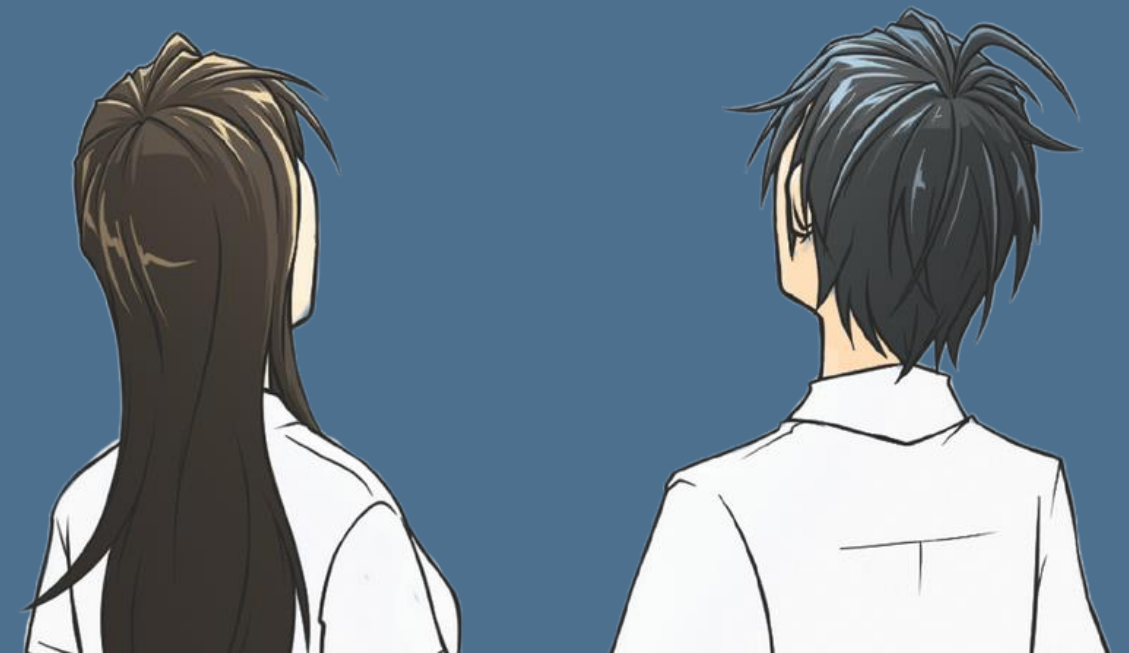
What does it mean to “throw off your old sinful nature” and “put on your new nature, created to be like God”?



Time to Apply

What are some of the sinful habits, beliefs, and tendencies around body image and gender that we need to “throw off” as we follow Jesus?

What truths about your new nature as a child of God do you need to “put on”?



Practicing Life with Jesus



Step 1: Pray

Step 2: Read

Step 3: Observe

Step 4: Interpret

➔ **Step 5: Apply**



Apply Questions

How does this passage challenge how I see God, myself, or the world around me?

What does God want me to do differently because of what I have read?



Time to Respond

Read John 3:16-21 using these questions:

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