

## *You Can Begin Again*

### **When You Surrender in the Wilderness (Part 3)**

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1. Satan loves to tempt us with false identities about who we are. This past weekend, we reviewed two false identities and discussed the third false identity.
  - False Identity #1: "I Am What I Do – Performance." (Luke 4:1-4 CSB)
  - False Identity #2: "I Am What I Have – Possessions." (Luke 4:5-8 CSB)
  - False Identity #3: "I am what others think – Popularity." (Luke 4:9-13 CSB)
2. Take a few minutes to pray and ask God to open your eyes to which false identities you've been believing about yourself.
3. Some of us are addicted to what others think of us. As a result:
  - Many of us put a higher value on what others think about us than what Jesus thinks about us.
    - Discuss the statement above. What are some practical ways we can learn to believe what Jesus thinks about us?
  - Our self-image soars with a compliment and is devastated by criticism.
    - Does this statement resonate with you? Discuss.
  - We live as a false self – we're characterized by fear, manipulation, possessiveness, self-promotion, and self-destructiveness.
    - Peter Scazzero, in his book *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* says, "We remain trapped in living a pretend life out of an unhealthy concern for what other people think." (1\*)
    - Discuss these two statements above.
4. How Do We Overcome Temptation #3? (I am what others think - popularity)
  - By faith, daily let your inner security and worth be found in the Abba's love.
    - Do you find your inner security and worth in the Abba's love?
    - Read Luke 3:21-22 and Galatians 4:6-7 CSB
    - Everything that is true about Jesus is also true about us. How does this change the way that we view ourselves?

**Soul-tattoo:** Receive communion

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(1\*) Peter Scazzero, *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* (Nashville: Integrity, 2006), 77.