



YOU ARE MORE THAN YOU'VE BEEN TOLD

SUMMARY:

This week we welcomed Hosanna Wong to Transformation Church. Hosanna shared a message about the new name we receive from Jesus.

What you think about yourself determines how you live. Many of us struggle with feeling not enough in some way. Perhaps others have made us feel that we are a burden or a failure. We may carry around old names that we have given ourselves or that others have given us, but Jesus gives us a new name.

We see one example of this in the story of Jesus calling Simon Peter and Andrew to be fishers of men in Matthew 4:18-20. The reason these men were fishermen was because they weren't "good enough" to do anything else. Jesus, however, chose them. If you are in a season of disappointment, Jesus would love to meet you where you are, comfort you, and say to you, "you're not done." He wants you to drop your old name, just as Simon Peter and Andrew dropped their nets, and embrace new rhythms that are in alignment with the new name He has given you. The rhythms are engaging in God's Word, prayer, rest, and real community.

You are more than what people have said about you. You are more than what you have done and what's been done to you. It turns out, you will know who you really are when you spend real time with the One who knows you the best.

Hosanna ended her message with a spoken word piece called "I Have a New Name." You can view a video with that spoken word piece [here](#).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Think about your name or, if you have children, the names of your kids. *What is the meaning behind the names? Where did your name or the names of your kids come from? Were you ever given a nickname as a child? How did that nickname make you feel? What makes names important?*

Take a few minutes to listen to Hosanna's spoken word piece, "I Have a New Name." (You can find this video on YouTube) Consider what names you may be walking around with that were not given to you by God. How do these names bring you down?

Read Matthew 4:18-19.

According to Hosanna's message, why were Simon Peter and Andrew fishermen?

Have you ever dealt with feelings of not being enough? What caused those doubts?

STORMPROOF

FINDING FAITH IN LIFE'S DIFFICULTIES

Read Matthew 4:20.

What did Simon Peter and Andrew do when Jesus called them?

What is symbolic about Simon Peter and Andrew dropping their nets?

What is God calling you to drop? What is holding you back from doing so?

Read 1 Thessalonians 1:4.

What does it mean to be chosen?

How does being called chosen change your perspective?

Read Ephesians 2:10.

What does this verse say you are?

What is your purpose stipulated in this verse?

Read Acts 1:8.

From where does your power come? How does this embolden you?

What does it mean to be a witness? Where, how, and with whom can you be a witness?

Read John 8:36.

What does it mean to be freed? What have we been freed from? What have we been freed to?

End your time by praying over one another to drop old names and embrace the new names given to us in Jesus Christ.