DON'T STOP AT YOUR 'I AM'

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John 10:14-16

If you know who you are in JESUS ... then you know what you must do. There is power available for your personal life when you discover who you are in Christ – then you discover your 'I AM'. And your 'I AM' will direct you to your 'I MUST.'

Your 'I AM' deals with your identity - 'I AM' deals with 'who I am in Christ.' You see, what matters most is not what you think you are or what others think you are. What matters is what your heavenly Father sees in you and what He says about you. Among many things this is what your heavenly Father says about you:

- * You are **ACCEPTED** (Romans 5:1; Ephesians 1:5; Colossians 2:10)
- * You are **SECURE** (Romans 8:35; Hebrews 4:16; 1 John 5:18)
- * You are **SIGNIFICANT** (Matthew 5:13-14; Ephesians 2:6; Philippians 4:13)

And your 'I AM' will help to determine your 'I MUST'. Jesus knew His 'I MUST'! You too have an 'I MUST' from Jesus – It's your purpose, mission and divine assignment. Your 'I MUST' begins with a ...

1. **CONFIDENCE** (Luke 4:21; Isiah 61:1-2)

A belief that wherever you are and whatever you do Jesus has an 'I MUST' prepared for you. You only have to be willing to believe and press into the 'I MUST' Jesus has already prepared for you. Then you develop a ...

2. **CLARITY** (Hebrews 5:8)

Christ communicates His 'I MUST' differently to everyone He calls. When He is speaking, one word is more than enough. He is more interested in your total obedience than your total understanding. With this clarity you need ...

3. **COURAGE** (Luke 9:5; Isaiah 50:7)

Courage to do anything Jesus tells you to do. For some of you He will call you to make a major life change. For others He simply want you to live your present life with a fresh perspective and greater passion. Remember, your greatest limitation is His greatest opportunity to work in and through you.

We need to recognize that our 'I MUST' isn't an automatic, permanent position; it's an intentional daily decision. Jesus could do something in any moment that could change the direction of our life, and we don't want to miss it. So, right now step up from your 'I AM' to your 'I MUST'. I will be praying for your success in walking in it!

Making It Personal:

- 1. **Insight** What is ONE new insight the Holy Spirit has given me?
- 2. **Conviction** Something pierced my heart or convicted me? Take action now!
- 3. **Share** Received something I want to share with someone else?