



The Real You *Thriving Under Pressure*

"The grittiness of this passage helpfully puts to death some of our worst tendencies in reading the Bible. We often approach the Bible as if it were a series of heart- warming stories designed to inspire us to good, clean, moral living."

~ Iain Duguid

Romans 12:2: "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

Galatians 4:19: ...until Christ is formed in you...

_____ = **inward and real formation of the essential nature of a person.**

"Now, with God's help, I shall become myself"

~Soren Kierkegaard

"I'll never be happy. I believe I'll die alone. I would want it that way. I've been a loner all my life with my secrets and my pain. I'm really lost, but I'm trying to find myself. I'm really a sad, pathetic case. My whole life has been a waste. I've been a failure. I just want to escape."

~Mike Tyson

Luke 4:18: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and **recovery of sight for the blind**, to set the oppressed free..."

John 16:8 (Amp): And He, when He comes, will convict the world about [the guilt of] sin [and the need for a Savior]..."

1 John 1:9: If we confess our sins, ***he is faithful*** and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Psalm 62:7: "My salvation and my honor depend on God..."

Ruth 4:12: "Through the offspring the LORD gives you by this young woman, ***may your family be like that of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah.***"

Matthew 1:1-3: This is **the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah**, the son of David, the son of Abraham; 2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, 3 Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar.