

Journeys of Paul

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A Study of
Ephesians



“What comes to our mind when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”

A.W. Tozer - *The Knowledge of the Holy*



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Who we are in Christ

Ephesians 1:1-14





Ephesians

Ch. 1-3

Doctrine
Belief
Head
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Calling
Being

Ch. 4-6

Lifestyle
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Conduct
Doing





Ephesians

Sovereignty

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Glory



Ephesians 1:1-2 ^{NIV}

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Sovereignty

Ephesians 1:3-14 ^{NIV}

The Father (1:3-6)

The Son (1:7-12)

The Holy Spirit (1:13-14)



Ephesians 1:3-14 ^{NIV}

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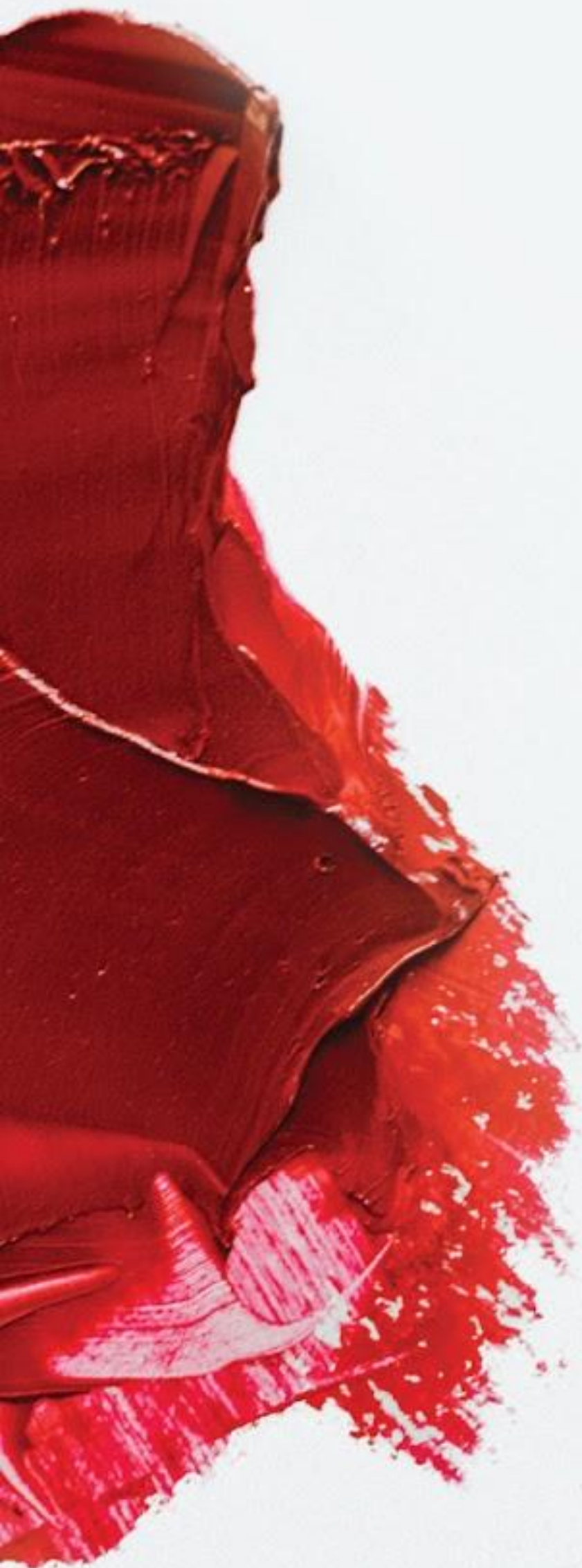
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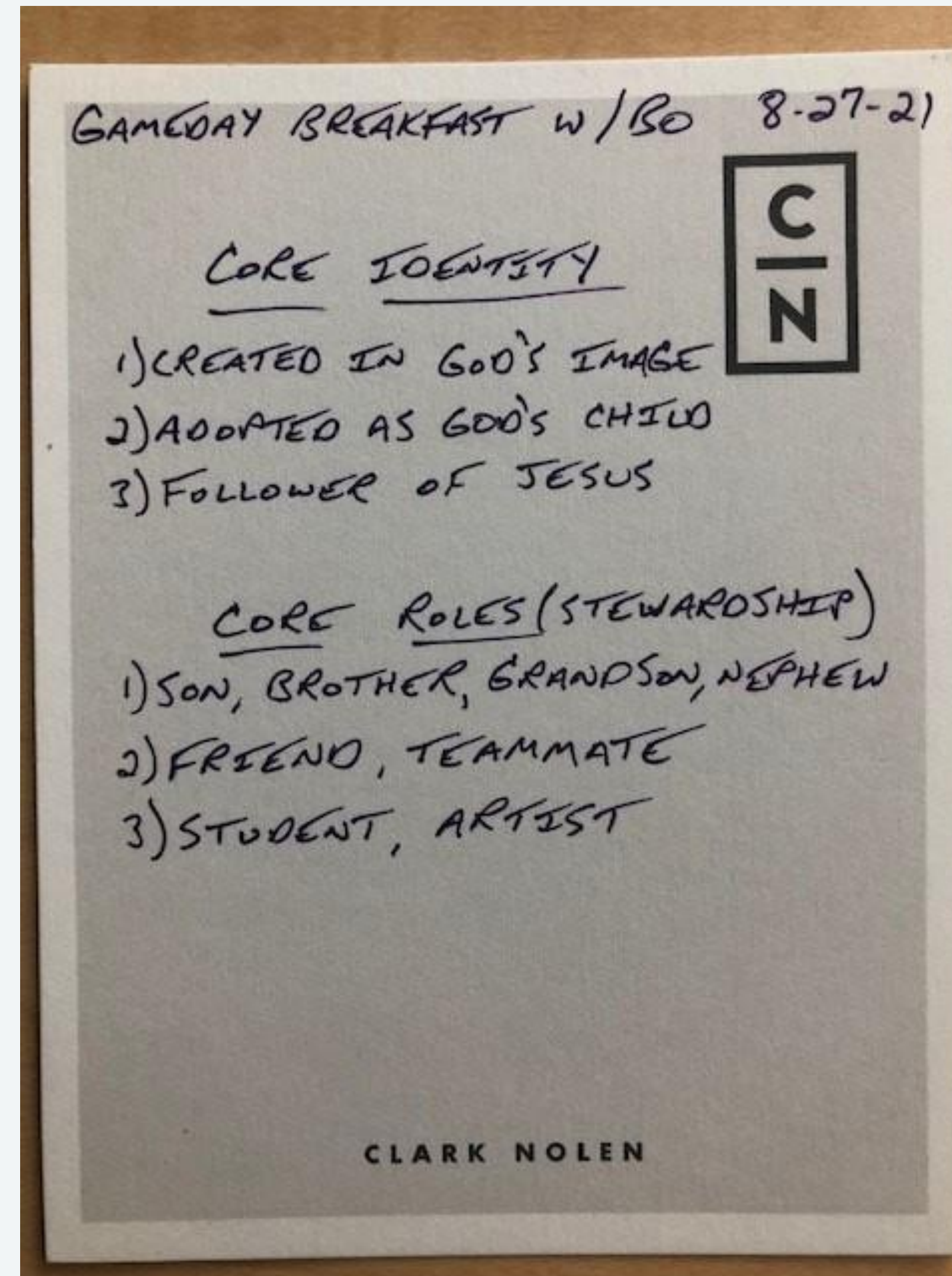
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Identity



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Unity

Ephesians 1:9-10 ^{NIV}

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Unity

Ethnic
Religious
Socioeconomic
Political
Familial
Moral
Spiritual
Cosmic



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Glory

The weight of God's character and presence revealed in His sovereign work of creation, redemption and restoration.





Glory

“The glory of God is interwoven throughout the biblical story and forms the origin, content, and goal of the entire cosmic narrative. It is so central to Scripture that the story of the Bible is in some sense the drama of God’s glory.”

- **Christopher Morgan**





Ephesians

Sovereignty

Need for control

Identity

Need for security

Unity

Need for peace

Glory

Need for purpose

Week

01





Ephesians

Sovereignty

Do we believe God is in control?

Identity

Do we believe who God says we are?

Unity

Do we live in gospel unity?

Glory

Does our life proclaim God's glory?

Week

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Deuteronomy 7:6-8 NIV

For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. ⁷ The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. ⁸ But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt.



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Who we are in Christ

Ephesians 1:3-14

