

“Who Are You?”

Rom. 1:1

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

The famous German philosopher Sleighmacher was relaxing on a park bench one day. A passerby stopped and said, "Sir, who are you?" But instead of launching into some deep, intellectual discourse on the nature of being, Sleighmacher simply looked at the passerby and said, "You know, that's a good question. I only wish I knew."

Do you know who you are? Really. Do you know who you really are? . It can be said that one of the greatest struggles we have as Christians is the fight against what the culture has to say concerning who we are, *versus* what God declares our God-given identity ought to be and is. We can have a borrowed identity.

I love the way the Apostle Paul begins his letter to the Church in Rome. Listen to the very first verse—his declaration concerning who he is. He says, "Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God" Paul gives everybody his address and zip code. This is who I am. This is what I'm really all about.

Let me make three quick observations. Number one, we are eternally His. We are bondservants to Jesus Christ if we know Him as Savior and Lord. Secondly, we have a calling just as he said that he was called as an apostle. There is an assignment for all of us. Thirdly, we have a message to proclaim. He says that he is set apart for the gospel of Jesus Christ. That's who we are. We are eternally His, we have a calling on our lives, and we have a message to proclaim.

Here's what I want you to remember today. When someone walks by your park bench and asks who you are, let them know that you are a bondservant of Jesus Christ and His representative to a lost and dying world.