

April 24, 2022 Sunday Service

## Knowing Myself as One and Only

~The Source of our Dignity~

### Our dignity is manifested in creation and salvation

Our dignity and sanctity are so high that it cannot be measured by the value systems of this world.

#### Creation :

- Genesis 9:5-6
- James 3:9-10
- Genesis 1:26-27

#### Salvation :

- Ephesians 2 : 8 – 10

### The purpose and the limitations of our work

Ecclesiastes chapters 2 and 3

*'I have seen the task which God has given the sons of mankind with which to occupy (trouble) themselves.'*

Ecclesiastes 3:10 (NASB)

### Be aware of the pressure of the world

Romans 12:2

*Grant, Lord, that I may know myself that I may know thee.* Augustine

### The relation between our work and our inner world

Our inner world defines the quality of our work.

- Colossians 3:23
- Galatians 5:22-23

## The Story of Kelly Clark, a pro snowboarder

Kelly Clark- My Story : <https://vimeo.com/18314688>

*“He started doing things in me that I didn’t even know needed to be done..I think what captured me was that God loved me, and I didn’t have to do anything, I didn’t have to be someone. I had always had to be someone or do something. And there’s a love that’s bigger than all of that…My whole life was snowboarding, that was what I did and that was what I pulled my identity from, and I no longer have to do that.”*

Snowboards and Calling | Kelly Clark : <https://vimeo.com/329841951>

*“We have to have a firm grasp of our significance…that will be influential. I want to be the same person when I am winning and losing, when I am on TV and behind the closed doors. I want to live a life of consistency to disarm people.”*

## Application: Where should I begin ?

- Matthew 7:24-27 JCB
- Psalm 139:23-24

### Questions for small groups :

- I should rest on the fact that God established and secured my dignity, but there are times when I feel my identity is attached and robbed. In what occasion do I feel that way?
- There are various kinds of “storms”. In what kind(s) of storms do I feel unsecured the most? And in what part of my heart do I feel most vulnerable in the storm?
- In what occasions do I burst into uncontrollable anger?
  - For example, why do I get irritated when I see a person who ignores rules? Isn’t it because I am trying to gain the sense of dignity by being self-righteous? These areas are where you have built a house on the sand or where you have covered with fig leaves (Genesis 3).
  - A fig leaf and a house on the sand take various forms.
  - There must be a reason why I have come to use this particular shape and size of fig leaf. That is a clue to knowing the shape and the area of your wounds. Where Satan attacked is where your ministry is, because that is a big threat to him.
  - Our wounds: the wrong mindset about ourselves. God is the healer of our wounds.

*Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. A prayer of a righteous person, when it is brought about, can accomplish much.*

James 5:16 NASB