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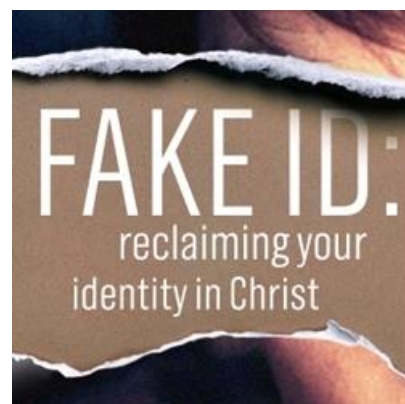
*"...being of the same mind, maintaining the same love,  
united in spirit, intent on one purpose." Philippians 2:2*

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## **This Sunday...Work ID**

What we do is not who we are. Our identities are received, not achieved. When we are asked to identify ourselves right after giving our name we usually begin to tell people what we do. We try to find our identity in what we have achieved and accomplished. We point to the trophies, the degrees, the promotions. In Ephesians Paul reminds the church that our identity is not achieved, it is received. We are not saved by works so that no one can boast, it is a gift of God. Our identity is not something we earn from good works, its something we are given when we put our trust in Jesus.



**Wednesday Night Fellowship**... Canceled on July 7. Will resume on July 14.

**PRAYERS** *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7*

- Lu is returning home after her stint in rehab.

**Continue to pray** for Jocyln's mother...Christine's mother...the Gordon family...John and Jennifer... Walter Grove...Pancho's brother Don... Tim's recovery... Roger Townsend... Berry... Jeff's mother... Jene's hand... Allen Sawyers...The Britton Family ... Barbara... Gwen and her son Caleb... Emmy Creswick... City of Children... Healing Hands International... Japhet's work in Zimbabwe...and New Hope Uganda.

## **Thought for the week...**

*A Native American Grandfather was talking to his grandson about how he felt. He said, "I feel as if I have two wolves fighting in my heart. On wolf is the vengeful, angry, violent one. The other wolf is the loving, compassionate one." The grandson asked him, "Which wolf will win the fight in your heart?" The grandfather answered, "The One I feed."*

## Where There's A Will

By Matthew West

I have faced so many times in my life when I needed to pray, wanted to pray, but had no words to pray. Sometimes it was because the situation was completely overwhelming. Other times, I just wasn't sure what to ask God to do. Then there are the occasions that I spend my prayer time telling God what I think He should do, as if He needs my help. News flash...He doesn't!

While reading the Lord's prayer, I discovered a simple but powerful prayer. Just four words, but they say so much, "Thy will be done (Matthew 6:10)." That's it. Author Jan Kaaron refers to this prayer as "the prayer that never fails." This prayer never fails because it is a prayer of simple trust. Trust in God's plan, God's will. To say, "Lord, I just want what You want for me." This is also a prayer of surrender. By saying to God, "Your will be done," you are surrendering your own will, your own motivations, your own plans, and your own urge to try and make life go the way you want it to. Someone once said, "It's at the point of surrender that we find God's power revealed." Interesting, don't you think? A prayer of trust and surrender is what opens our lives up to see God's power on full display.

When I pray "Thy will be done," I'm acknowledging that He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords and that I put my trust in Him for EVERY situation. I'm going to challenge you to begin to pray this brand new prayer the next time you are faced with a problem, or even just at the beginning of every day. Because the temptation to take over, and to try and will our lives in the direction we think it should go will always try to convince us that we know better. You've heard the saying, "where there's a will, there's a way." Let's remember that when we surrender our lives to God's will, He always makes a way.

