

Holy: Holy Father - Pastor Donna Pisani

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“Be Holy as I am Holy.”

—1 Peter 1:16

If I don't understand what HOLY is, I will never find my own identity.

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

—Isaiah 6:3

“And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

—Revelation 4:8

HOLY is the foundation from where we pray.

“Our Father in heaven, your name be honored as holy. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”

—Matthew 6:9-13 (CSB)

God’s story from start to finish is a Father calling his kids home.

HOLY = moral perfection, set apart, incomparable, uncommon.

HOLY isn’t one of the attributes of God; it IS THE characteristic that touches all the rest.

“God’s kingdom will never come where His name is not considered holy.”

—R.C. Sproul

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

—AW Tozer

“When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone he was the Messiah."

—Matthew 16:13-20

Knowing WHO I am gives me authority.

"Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God but merely human concerns."

—Matthew 16:23

IF Peter was following Jesus here - Jesus wouldn't have had to say, "Get behind me..."

We are fine with Jesus being the POWERFUL God, but are we okay with Him being the SUFFERING Savior?

The word LEADER is mentioned 4 times in the New Testament.
The word FOLLOW is mentioned 40 times in the New Testament.

Your IDENTITY and AUTHORITY only come in the FOLLOW.

"My friendship with God can only go where his Lordship has already been."

—*Bill Johnson*

Henei - “Here I am” - (Isaiah 6:8)

But because God was so gracious and generous, here I am. And I’m not about to let his grace go to waste.” - Paul (1 Corinthians 15:10)

The INVITATION today is to say, “Here I am.”

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