



INTRODUCTION

God has a history of pursuing and renaming people with tainted reputations, doubting hearts and lost souls. That was certainly the case for Jacob who encountered God and ended up with the name Israel, which means "one who wrestles with God" (Genesis 32:28). God wants to do more than just rename one guy in the Old Testament; He wants to rename the whole world. And in Jesus, He came to all of us in the flesh that He might give us a new name – His name.

DISCUSSION

1. What name carries lots of weight with you and why? It can be a person, title, group, brand or something completely different.
2. Names carry reputations. What reputation follows your name or your family's name? Why?
3. When we step over the Faith Line and encounter God, everything is changed. Our name, identity, motives and worldview just to name a few. What changed for you? If you stepped over the Faith Line early in life, what has changed most for you as you've grown in Christ?
4. As God continues to change us from the inside out, it's tempting to hold on to lies, old behaviors, destructive thoughts or past wounds. What do you need to surrender to God so He can walk with you toward change?

DO SOMETHING

1. As you pray this week, thank God specifically for the ways He has changed you, and praise Him for the healthy fruit in your life.
2. If there is something you need to surrender to God, do it this week. Once you've surrendered to God, tell someone you trust so they can encourage and pray for you.
3. Consider someone in your life who still needs to encounter God, who needs their name changed forever. Pray for their salvation and then reach out to them and be an encouragement.

RESOURCES

1. [Know God by Name](#) by Ed Young on [RightNow Media](#)
2. [Carry the Name](#) by Louie Giglio on [RightNow Media](#)
3. [21-day I Am His series devotional](#) on the PLC website