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FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH: If you don’t _____ recognize your _____, there is _____ that can help you.

1. **THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS ABOUT _____, NOT ABOUT _____.**

2. **JESUS IS NOT A _____; JESUS IS A _____.**

Man’s Way	God’s Way

★ True believers _____ out our _____, not _____ it.

★ Jesus is not a _____!

3. **JESUS _____ US INTO A _____ LIFE.**

REFLECTION & CHALLENGE:

- ★ Take some time to reflect on the Scriptural truth that a relationship with Jesus is all or nothing.
- ★ In what ways have you been more like a Pharisee (see Man’s Way) than a true child of God?
- ★ Talk to a mature believer this week and ask him/her to pray with you about areas of weakness.

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FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH: If you don’t humbly recognize your need, there is nothing that can help you.

1. THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS ABOUT JOY, NOT ABOUT GLOOM.
2. JESUS IS NOT A REFORMER; JESUS IS A TRANSFORMER.

Man’s Way	God’s Way
Categorizing and excluding sinners	Reaching out to sinners
Hypercritical	Restorative
Man-made rules	God’s actual commands
Self-exaltation	Self-sacrifice
Performance	Grace

- ★ True believers live out our identity, not for it.
- ★ Jesus is not a patch!

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