CREEKSIDE’S TEACHING NOTES for Sunday, February 22, 2015

WHY JESUS?

THE POWER OF KNOWING WHO YOU ARE

John 13:1-17 (p. 993)

“Self-care is never a selfish act – it is simply good stewardship of the only gift I have, the gift I was put on earth to offer others. Anytime we can listen to true self and give it the care it requires, we do it not only for ourselves, but for the many others whose lives we touch.”

– Parker Palmer

⦁ WHY AM I? . . . Jesus Knew His Mission

 Mission – reason, purpose, assignment

Jesus knew that the hour had come

for him to leave this world and go to the Father.

John 13:1 (p. 993)

I did not come to be served but to serve

and give my life a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45 (p. 934)

⦁ WHO AM I? . . . Jesus Knew His Authority

Jesus knew that the Father

had put all things under his power,

John 13:3

WHO ARE YOU?

I am what I do.

I am what I have.

I am what others think of me.

It is so easy for us to get trapped into living out a pretend life that is ordered around what others think of me.

I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:11-13 (p. 1087)

⦁ WHOSE AM I? - Jesus Knew His Relationship

Jesus knew . . . that he had come from God

and was returning to God;

John 13:3

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:17b-19 (p. 1081)

Christianity is not about our disciplined pursuit of God but about his relentless pursuit of us – to the point of dying on the cross for us that we might be his friends. – Peter Scazzero

We must soak in this love that God has for us.

It is the only thing that is capable of bearing

the weight of our true identity.