WHO AM I?

In Matthew 16-13-20 Jesus is talking to his disciples and asks, who do people say that the Son of man is? They answered, John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the other prophets. Then He (Jesus) asks another question "what about you, who do you say that I am"?

Can we campout on that question for a moment? Can we take just a second to search our hearts before we answer?

 With the impulsivity that Peter was known for he blurted out "you are the Messiah, the Son of the living God". While Peter knew this statement to be true we know that when he was scared, confused and sad he denied Jesus three times. I personally pass no judgement on that because I've been there.

I've raised my hands and heart to the Lord  on Sunday and crumbled under the pressures of life the very next day. I've prayed and declared Him Lord of my life but then attempted to take a detour to get to God's "good and perfect" plan faster. I've stated  "here am I Lord, send me" and then moments later have said "there's no way I'm doing that".

We need to answer this question while we're in the storm, when nothing is going right, when we are knee deep in a mess we can't get out of. Friends i'm there right now so let me answer this question from the deepest chambers of my heart ~

"Who do you say that I am" You are my hope when all hope is lost. You are my only true source of comfort when my soul is in anguish. You are the healing balm to wounds buried deep within me. You are my light in the midst of intense darkness. You are the way when there appears to be no way. You are my firm foundation when quicksand surrounds me. You are the one who called my name and set me apart. You are my redeemer, my savior, my first love and my father.  You are good even when things don't seem good.

Lord, please forgive me for all the times I've turned my attention away from you and focused on the desires of my flesh. Forgive me for the times I gave up seconds short of the breakthrough. Lord, thank you for the storm because while you didn't calm it you stood in it with me. Thank you for the mess because it will become a message of hope. Thank you for trials because they reveal areas within me that need to be strengthened. Lord, Thank You!

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