

# How to know who you are



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(Luk 15:11) And he said, “There was a man who had two sons.

(Luk 15:12) And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them.

(Luk 15:13) Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living.

(Luk 15:14) And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need.

(Luk 15:15) So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs.

(Luk 15:16) And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

(Luk 15:17) “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger!’

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(Luk 15:20) And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

(Luk 15:21) And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’



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(Luk 15:23) And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate.

(Luk 15:24) For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

(Luk 15:25) "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.

(Luk 15:26) And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.

(Luk 15:27) And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.'

(Luk 15:28) But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him,

(Luk 15:29) but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends.'

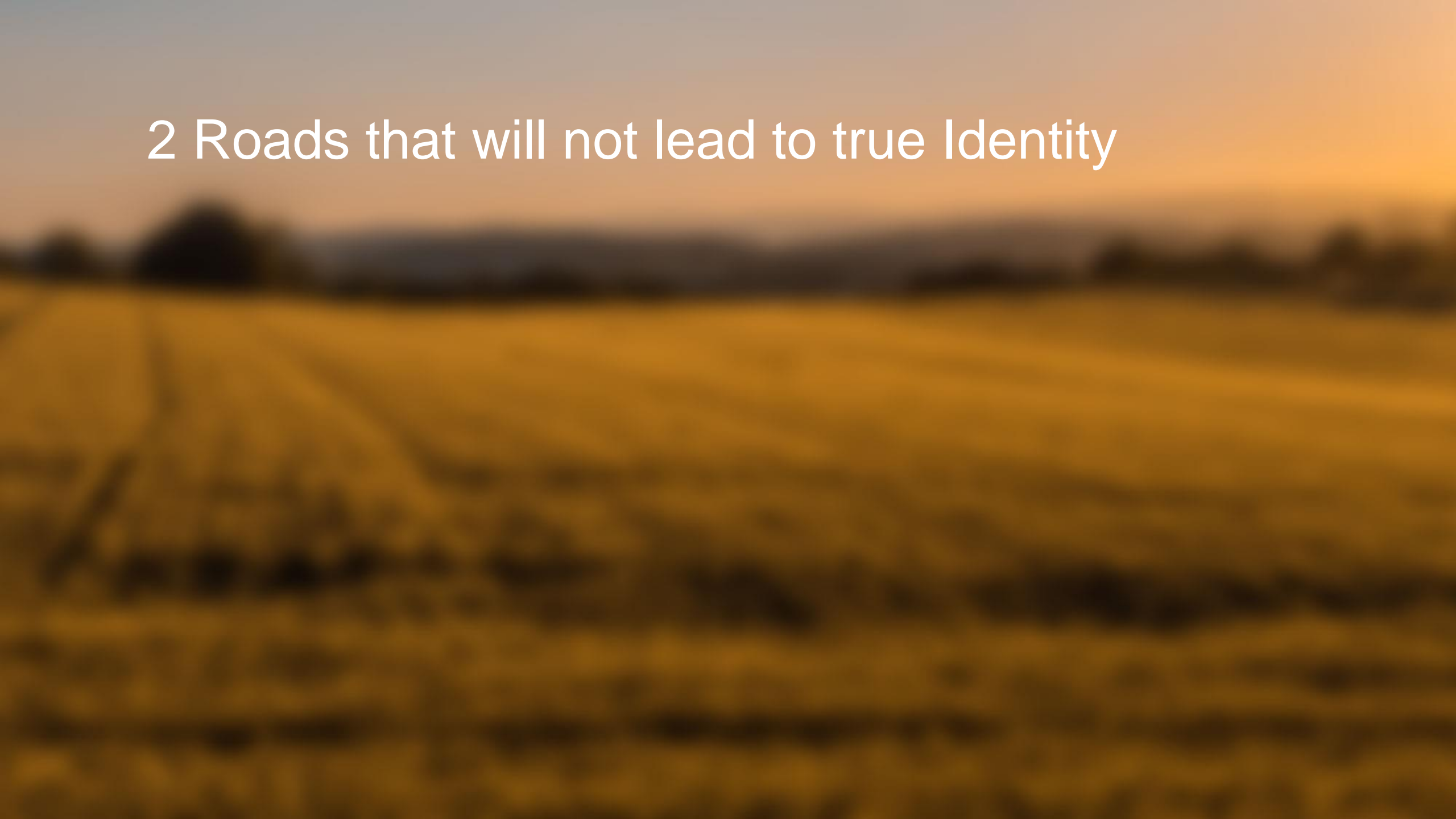
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Every search for identity will ultimately be met from  
the outside.



(Jer 1:5) “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

(Isa 44:24) Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, who formed you from the womb: “I am the LORD, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself,

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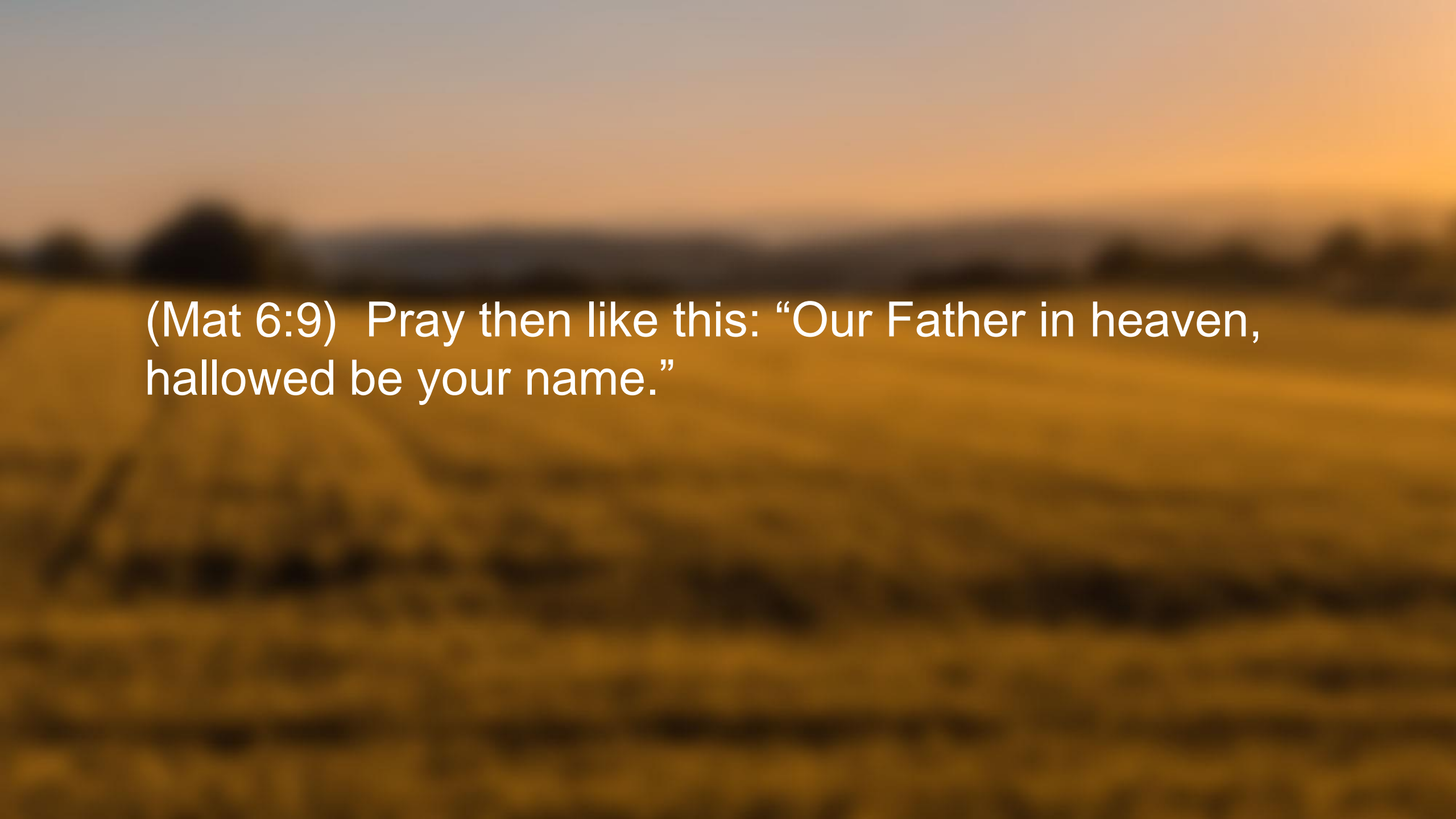


(Eph 2:8) For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,  
(Eph 2:9) not a result of works, so that no one may boast.



Your Creator is the guardian of your Identity and Destiny

We worship Him for who He is, and in this Father-Child relationship we receive our Identity and Destiny.



(Mat 6:9) Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.”



(Php 3:7) But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

(Php 3:8) Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

(Php 3:9) and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—



**From the mouth of the Father each son will know  
who he is**