

RECEIVE  
BELONG  
CHILD  
PRIEST



*Receive what Christ gives before asking what must be done.*

## Good Questions

- What were you believing about yourself in that situation?
- What is true about you in Christ right now?
- What false identity was shaping the choice?
- If you remembered that you are loved by God, how might that shape your response?
- If you remembered that you are God's child, what could change?
- What does "child of God" say to the question, "Am I loved?"
- What does "priest of the living God" say to the question, "Do I matter?"
- If you responded as someone entrusted with grace, what might you do?
- How might a priest move toward God and toward others here?
- Which gospel words fit this moment: chosen, holy, beloved, forgiven, called, heir, servant, citizen?
- What identity from Jesus most directly contradicts the false belief?

## Rules of Thumb

- Identity is received before it is expressed.
- Belonging comes before striving or behavior change.
- Child of God speaks to safety, belonging, and secure love.
- Priest of the living God speaks to meaning, participation, and responsibility.
- Ask what Christ gives, not what the person can manufacture by effort.
- Let action grow from belonging.

### REMEMBER

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