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Becoming Who God Wants Me to Be

Key verse: *"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my souls knows it very well."*
Psalm 139:14 (NIV)

Introduction: Toy Story

Who Am I? What's Our Story? What Story Are We Living Out?

I. Five **Factors** that Deeply Influence Who I Am Today:

- 1) My **chemistry** or my **heredity**.

God says we are fearfully and wonderfully made!

- 2) My **relationships** that have influenced me over the years.

"Some men came, bringing to Him a paralytic, carried by four of them."
Mark 2:30 (NIV)

- 3) My **circumstance** or what has **happened** to me or around me.

Joni Erickson-Tada's Story

"When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition a long time, he asked him, 'Do you want to get well?'"
John 5:6 (NIV)

- 4) My **consciousness** or how I **think**.

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent and praiseworthy – think about such things."
Philippians 4:8 (NIV)

- 5) My **choices**.

II. How Do We Do This?

What are some choices that will help lead us to all God meant us to be?

- 1) Choose to get **healthy**.
- 2) Choose to deepen **relationships** – risk **connecting**.
- 3) Choose to trust God's **providence**. (Romans 8:38)
- 4) Choose **what** and **how** you will think about something or someone. (2 Corinthians 10:5)
- 5) Choose the **greatest choice** of all – to receive Jesus as Savior and Lord.

We must remember the most important part of our identity is not **who** we are, but **whose** we are! 2 Corinthians 5:17 states "We are a **new creation**" – that's all of us!

Conclusions:

The Five H's (Heritage, High Points, Hard Times, Hand of God Times, Heroes (or not).

Tell your stories!