

ONCE UPON A TIME BEFORE THE WORLD WAS MADE

1. Our warfare is often taking by faith what God's Word says about us: not people's words; life's experiences; voice of the accuser; or our own feelings.

- Our life's direction is not determined by what happened to us or what didn't happen for us but by Who we choose to believe

2. How we think, view, and feel about ourselves influences our decisions and our decisions influence the direction of our life. We must know our identity (who we are) and our purpose (why we're here). That comes from knowing our origin.

3. Evidence of our origin is in God's foreknowledge:

- a. God's eternal covenant to redeem us **Heb. 13:20 1 Peter 1:19, 20**
- b. God's plan to save us & give us eternal life **Rev. 13:8; 17:8; Titus 1:2**
- c. God's calling, purpose, & grace for our life **Jer. 1:5; Eph. 1:4; 2 Tim. 1:9**
- d. The wisdom to operate in and things God's prepared for us **1 Cor. 2:6-9**
- e. Our place in the Body of Christ and the works we're to do **Eph. 1:4; 2:10**