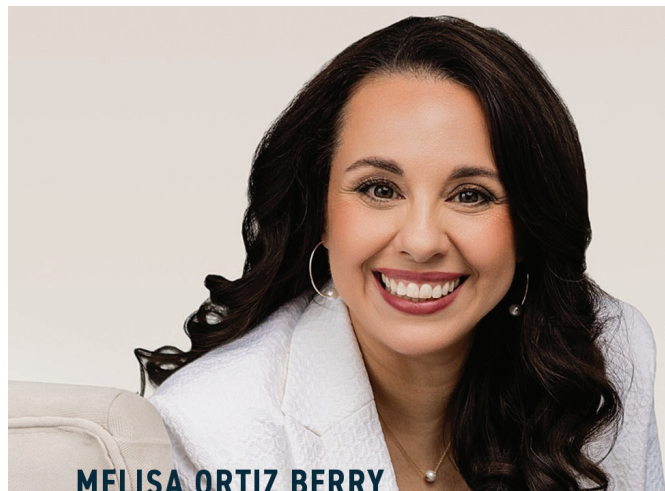




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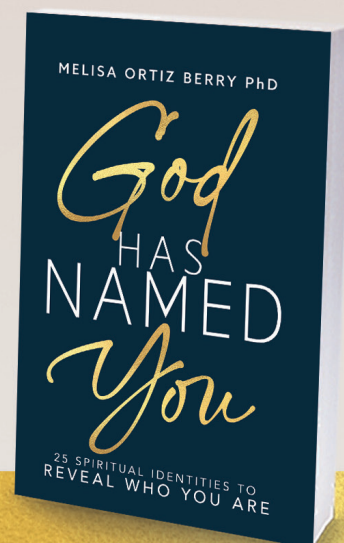


God Has Named You: 25 Spiritual Identities to Reveal Who You Are

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PROFESSOR AND HISTORIAN MELISA ORTIZ BERRY HELPS READERS DISCOVER THEIR TRUE IDENTITY IN GOD THROUGH THE MANY NAMES GOD GIVES US THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE

In a culture saturated with questions about identity, the one thing Christians often forget is their spiritual identity (their first identity) as children of God. Remembering who we are as God's children changes how we live, love, and lead.

In *God Has Named You: 25 Spiritual Identities to Reveal Who You Are*, author Melisa Ortiz Berry helps others realize the many names God has given us. She shows how healing and growth can begin with receiving our identity from God.

For readers ready to discover their spiritual identity—especially impacting to those struggling with self-image, acceptance, worth or seeking a personal sense of purpose—Ortiz introduces both familiar names such as Forgiven and Chosen, and others like Poem, Daylight, and Teammate.

"You are not just a creation flung out in space, the random byproduct of divine indifference," Melisa says. "God wants you to know that He sees you as His child. You are someone very special to Him, and He wants to have a relationship with you."

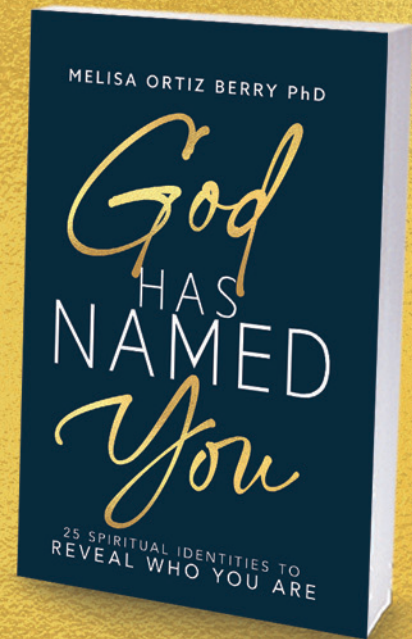
When we focus on who God is and who we are to Him, it sets a firm foundation on which to build our lives.

MELISA ORTIZ BERRY, PHD, is a historian of Christianity, professor, author, speaker, and podcaster. She teaches Bible, theology, and writing at Bushnell University. She is also the founder and scholar in residence of Crown of Life Discipleship Ministries. Melisa's work bridges biblical scholarship and everyday discipleship, helping Christians deepen their understanding of Scripture and faithfully live out their identity in Christ. She holds a PhD in Religion from Claremont Graduate University and a master's degree in Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary. Melisa hosts weekly writing groups and the Life Together podcast. She is also a frequent speaker at retreats, camps, and conferences.

"One of the greatest barriers to spiritual growth is believing untruths about ourselves. In *God Has Named You*, Melisa Berry beautifully weaves together biblical truth, personal transparency, and hard-won wisdom to help you uncover your true identity in Christ and walk into the healing, freedom, and transformation God desires for you."

— Alita Reynolds
President, Women of Faith

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"Who or what we've been named and labeled has a profound impact on our lived experience, for good or ill. I'm grateful that Melisa Berry has identified this treasury of God-given identities that, once internalized, will no doubt bring healing and transformation to her readers."

— Bradley Jersak, Principal,
St. Stephen's University

SUGGESTED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR *GOD HAS NAMED YOU*:

- What inspired you to write *God Has Named You*?
- What do you mean when you say that being God's child is our "first identity"?
- Your book begins with God as Father and ends with God as Papa. Why did you frame the book that way?
- Your subtitle says, "25 Spiritual Identities." What are some of those identities and how does knowing them affect us?
- Many people struggle with labels placed on them by family, failure, or culture. How does Scripture give us new names?
- What is the difference between the names the world gives us and the names God gives us?
- You're a historian, professor, and Bible teacher. How did your background influence the writing of this book?
- This isn't just a devotional. Each chapter includes encouragement, your own story, reflection questions, prayer, and Scripture. Why is that setup important for the reader?
- Who do you hope will discover your new book?
- If readers finish this book remembering only one truth, what do you hope it is?