

'Reel to Real'—Being Authentic

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You don't have to try and be someone you're not, or the greatest thing in the world. You can be the 'real,' authentic person God created you to be—and that *is* a great thing!

Webster's dictionary defines the word authentic by suggesting three things that

authentic is not:

It is **not imaginary**, it is **not false**, and it is **not an imitation**.

It is real!

*"For if I could in vision see myself the woman God meant;
Then I never more could be, the woman I am content."*

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Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:

Genesis 1:27

Psalm 51:6

Proverbs 27:19

Jeremiah 1:5a

Philippians 1:6

Scripture to Memorize:

Galatians 6:3 *"If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself."*

NOTES on Speaking Session:

Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:

1. What qualities do you think the world is looking for in a 'real' person?
2. Describe what attributes God requires in a 'real' person? How are these different from what the world wants?
3. What is your greatest concern/fear about being the 'real' thing?

Recommended Reading:

Being Real In an Artificial World, Stacie Orrico

Strengthening Your Grip, Charles R. Swindoll

The Real You, Dr. Kevin Leman

Who Am I, Really? A Woman's Journey to God-Significance, Dr. Lynda Hunter

The Weaver

My life is like a weaving
Between my Lord and me
I do not choose the colors;
He worketh steadily.

Oft' times He chooses sorrow,
And I in foolish pride
Forget He sees the upper
And I the underside

Not till the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly
Will God unroll the canvas
And explain the reason why.

The dark threads are as needful
In the skillful weaver's hand
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern He has planned.

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