

SERMON

Who am I? A question that is almost impossible to answer. What defines you as an individual? How did you get here and what have you done? Does anybody here know who they are? Personally, I do not have a clue who I am. I am still discovering myself everyday. My story is still being written.

Although answering this question is nearly impossible, it is possible to piece together portions of the puzzle. Today, I will attempt to piece together my puzzle in hopes that you will follow my example.

In my brief years alive, I have discovered many things. I have discovered that I am an open person and enjoy other people's company. I have learned that I am a diligent worker who enjoys partaking in a variety of extra-curricular activities. These specific activities, such as drama club, has inspired me and been enjoyable in the past few years. Thus, I pursue the activity and piece together just a little more of the puzzle.

Searching for a college and an occupation has led me to think deeper into my story. What interests me? What are my strengths? What do I want to do for the rest of my life? At a mere age of 17, I have to make these hard decisions that will determine where I am in the years to come. But, who am I?

College visits, personality surveys, standardized tests, and practice has led me to my values and interests. I know that I enjoy math, science, performing, and athletics but HATE history and english. So...where do I go now? What do I major in? What do I do for the rest of my life? Who am I?

By now, I have decided to go into pharmacy at the University of Connecticut. However, this decision has taken a great deal of time and thought. I had to look down the road and imagine myself ten years from now. Who would I become? I believe that my success is to be found in pharmacy, a career which can support me as well as human kind. I know that whatever I do, I want to give back.

This is all that I have figured out about my life for the time being. However, like a puzzle, I am always finding more pieces scattered among the mess. God has led me this far in my life, but what else does he have in store for me? Life is a learning experience.

It's time for you to figure out who you are. If nothing else know this...

[John 1:12](#) I am accepted...
I am God's child.

[1 Corinthians 6:17](#) I am united with the Lord, and I am one with Him in spirit.

[1 Corinthians 12:27](#) I am a member of Christ's body.

[Ephesians 1:3-8](#) I have been chosen by God and adopted as His child.

[Colossians 1:13-14](#) I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins.

[Colossians 2:9-10](#) I am complete in Christ.

Out of every situation I have been placed in, Mechuwana has been the most beneficial place for me to grow. I, like all of you, have learned to grow as an individual and come closer to who I truly am. In the past eleven years, I have learned how to interact with my peers. I have gained a boatload of friends and had some of the best experiences of my life on these grounds. I, as well as many of you, have counseled other campers and passed on my great experiences to them.

Now to the seniors and Beth, who are leaving after this rally, Mechuwana will always be open for your return. Its presence will be here to greet you when you return as a counselor or a friend. This place has watched as you all turned into beautiful individuals. Now it is time for you to move on into a life of learning and new beginnings. Although you may feel as though you are distant at times, this place and these people are here for you on any day at any time. It's time for you to go out and discover who you truly are. It may seem like you're coming to the end, but life has only just begun.

Every person on this Earth must take time and reflect upon their life and piece together who they are. Remember, you may feel alone in this world, but just know that your peers are in the same boat of self-discovery as you are. God has a plan for everyone. I may think I have my life figured out, but I, as well as everyone else, must be open to change. The Lord will guide me and you to our true selves.