2 Samuel 5:12 KJV
And David perceived that the Lord had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake.

Perceived means to become aware, gain understanding or to become awakened to something.

David became awakened to the fact that the Lord had established Him as a King over Israel.

Faith focuses on God's ability.

Identity focuses on us and our ability
(what He can do through us).

If we perceive our identity, we will be able to operate in different seasons of our life with greater ease and expand our boundaries for the Kingdom.

I. Perceiving our Identity of who we are in Christ.

A. A new way of thinking cannot be contained in an old identity.

Ephesians 2: 1-9 ESV
And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—

Ephesians 2: 1-9 ESV
among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Ephesians 2: 1-9 ESV
But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

Ephesians 2: 1-9 ESV
and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2: 1-9 ESV
For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

II. Proper identity produces Sonship.

A new way of thinking cannot be contained in an old identity.

The Israelites did not shift their identity- they chose slaveship over sonship.

We must believe Him over our assessment of ourselves.

Exodus 20:18-21
18 Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off

Exodus 20:18-21
19 and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.”

Exodus 20:18-21
20 Moses said to the people, “Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.”

Exodus 20:18-21
21 The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the darkness where God was.