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2. He knew who He was.
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#### A. In our salvation. (Romans 10:9)

#### B. In our everyday life. (Romans 12:11)

#### C. In our business. (Colossians 3:23-24)

#### D. In our family. (Ephesians 5:22,25)

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Three people interacted with Jesus concerning lordship...

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1. Accepting the future regardless of the cost v57-58

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2. Seizing the moment regardless of the pull of others v59-60

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3. Leaving the past regardless of the inconvenience v61-62

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3. Jesus always sees our heart.
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