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Our text today speaks to outward signs and inward realities. What are some signs familiar to us? A wedding ring symbolizes the oneness of marriage. If I don't wear my ring, my wife will soon ask me why. If I am wearing my ring, does it mean I am faithful to my wife? I have a Canadian passport. It tells border officials I am a Canadian citizen. If I carry a Canadian passport, does it mean I am loyal to Canada? Does it mean I am a good citizen?

Outward signs indicate something, but they do not reveal the strength of our heart commitments. Our text speaks specifically to the value of being a Jew, so at first glance, if we are non-Jews, we might think it has little to do with us. But, if we look closely, we will find two things that are life-changing for every follower of Jesus. What are those two things?

- Outward signs do not save
- An outward sign is never a substitute for true relationship
- We are all called to rest in our secure identity in Jesus, marked by the Spirit
- We are all called to steward the Gospel entrusted to us
- We are all called to trust God's word
- Will we value the Spirit and Word entrusted to us?

### Questions for Reflection:

- How do you nurture your relationship with Jesus?
- How do you surrender your life to the transforming work of the Holy Spirit?
- How do you demonstrate the value you place on the Word of God by digesting it and applying it to your daily life?
- How do you carry and share the Gospel entrusted to you?

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