FIGHTING FOR AUTHENTICITY IN AN AGE OF COOL

WHO YOU ARE WILL ALWAYS BE ENOUGH

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"I DON'T WANT TO BE COOL. I WANT TO BE REAL."

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1. THE OPPOSITE OF COOL IS AUTHENTICITY

We live in an age that elevates the popular, the accepted, the attractive, and the wealthy. We are naive if we think that same spirit does not influence how we see stages, microphones, platform, and visibility. Being who we are, as humble servants, is the essence of authenticity.

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2. THE ANTIDOTE FOR COOL IS SELF-AWARENESS

Spiritual direction is needed for any musician, technician, or creative leader who is continually in front of people. Bother Christian and non-Christian leaders are compelled by “likes” and “shares,” and the cancer of insecurity will push us to pursue popularity without Christ-imaging guidance. We are all susceptible.

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3. THE ENEMY OF COOL IS COMMUNITY

Living in disclosing friendship and intentional accountability strips away the hunger to be seen or heard by others, invoking their affirmation. We get our affirmation from God, and our identity stays true to that substantial center of growing friendship with God.

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