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## OVERCOMING INSECURITY

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(Psalm 59:10 LB) My God is changeless in his love for me...

2. \_\_\_\_\_ the way God sees me.

(1 Peter 2:9 TLB) But you are not like that, for you have been chosen by God himself—you are priests of the King, you are holy and pure, you are God's very own—all this so that you may show to others how God called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ who see me  
the way God sees me.

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- ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ help us define who we are and what we become.

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- ✓ We let our past define who we are.

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### 3. Get around people who see me the way God sees me.

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