

Don't Beat Around the Bush,

Get on Your Good Foot & Jump Right In

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Workshop Objectives

- Use Biblical principles and precepts to help you:
 - Identify your strengths
 - Combat your gremlins
 - Learn how to react to an identity attack
 - Launch you into your purpose



Deepen The Learning

- Learning more about you
- Gaining greater clarity of your underlying issues, thought patterns and behaviors that have led you to the place where you are today

Forward The Action

- Take the learning and use it to help you move forward towards the life you have been destined to live.

What are some of your dreams
and goals?

**Whom God calls,
He fully equips.**
(Hebrews 13:21)

I AM Model

Intention
+ Attention
Manifestation

As a man thinks, so is he.
Proverbs 23:7

Dependable Strengths

- Stem from our good experiences
 - Something you do well
 - Something you enjoy doing
 - Something others think you do well
- Must meet all three criteria

Discover your Strengths

- Ask at least 5 people you like, trust, & respect what they see as your strengths
- Give them a couple of minutes
- Ask them to be specific; give examples
- You will begin to see a trend

Your dreams & Goals



Strengths



PURPOSE

If you saw sculpture and didn't know what it was...

Who would you ask?



The Artist

If you read a passage and didn't understand it...

Who would you ask?

The Author



Who do you ask about
YOU?

The Creator

He knows you best!

Psalms 139:13-18

13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,
16 your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.
17 How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
18 Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you. NIV

After all that intricate detail, you better believe

You have a purpose!

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you,"
declares the LORD,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future. NIV

"Destiny of any discipline is determined by our

Divine Director"

(Pastor Norman Owens, Jr., The Rhema Church, St. Louis, MO)

God sees you in your purpose,
not where you are now.

Romans 4:17

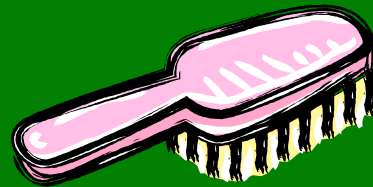
As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed — the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were. NIV

Judges 6:12

When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, "The LORD is with you, **mighty warrior.**" NIV

Whenever we don't know
the purpose of something

We either misuse or abuse it



But its purpose is to brush your hair

At its best...it is a hairbrush

You can use your life for other things

But at your best, you are

**Doing what you were
created to do**

Esther 4:14

And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?" NIV

Ecclesiastes 3:1

There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under heaven. NIV

This is your time.

This is your season.

Gremlins

- Negative self-talk
- Stimulus may be external
- But message is always internal
- Attack your identity



Gremlin Rules

- **Rule #1** – No bright light
- **Rule #2** – No water
- **Rule #3** – No food after midnight

If the rules were broken



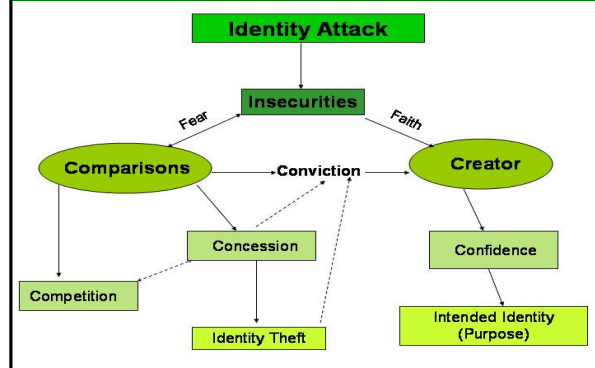
Celebrate you!



How do you overcome your Gremlins?

- Identify them
- Recognize their tactics
- Counteract their attack
- Don't feed, water, but give light

Identity Attack Model



Examples

- Adam & Eve (Genesis 3:1-6)
- Moses (Exodus 3:11, 4:1,10)
- David (1 Samuel 17:28)
- Jesus (Matthew 4:3,6)

Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, Azariah (Daniel 1:6-7)

- Daniel (God is my judge)
 - Belteshazzar – (Bel, protect his life)
- Hananiah (the Lord shows grace)
 - Shadrach (under the command of Aku)
- Mishael (who is like God)
 - Meshach (who is like Aku)
- Azariah (the Lord helps)
 - Abednego (servant of Nego)

What about you?

What has attacked your identity?

Who or what has changed your name?

Identity Attack

Insecurities

Insecurity,
the driving force behind

FEAR

False Evidence Appearing Real

Born with 3 types of fear

- Fear of sudden movement
- Fear of loud or abrupt noise
- Fear of sudden approach

ALL other fear is learned.

FEAR

- Irrational beliefs about how an object, event, happening, or feeling will result in negative, disastrous, life threatening, disturbing, or unsettling consequences for you.
- Disabling beliefs you carry in yourself that prevent you from living a productive, healthy, and growth-enhancing life.
- Underlying motive behind many of your actions and lack of action

Consequences of Fear

- Immobilize decision making
- Stifle your motivation
- Locked in self-destructive behavior
- Roadblock to change and growth

Fear stems from a feeling of inadequacy.

You must be careful of your feelings and emotions.

Feelings and emotions are based on what we see.

2 Corinthians 5:7

For we walk by faith, not by sight. KJV

Gideon

Judges 6:36-40

36 Gideon said to God, "If you will save Israel by my hand as you have promised—

37 look, I will place a wool fleece on the threshing floor. If there is dew only on the fleece and all the ground is dry, then I will know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you said."

38 And that is what happened. Gideon rose early the next day; he squeezed the fleece and wrung out the dew — a bowlful of water.

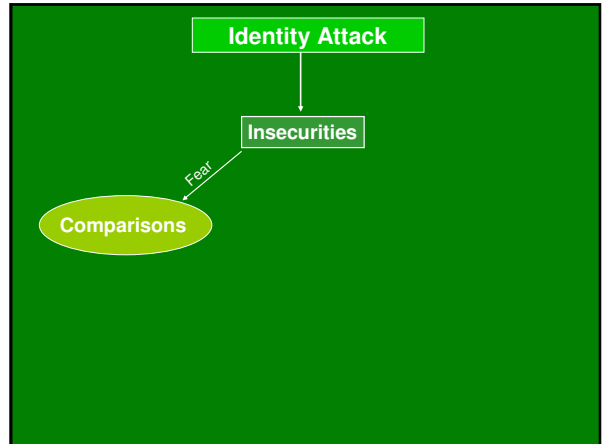
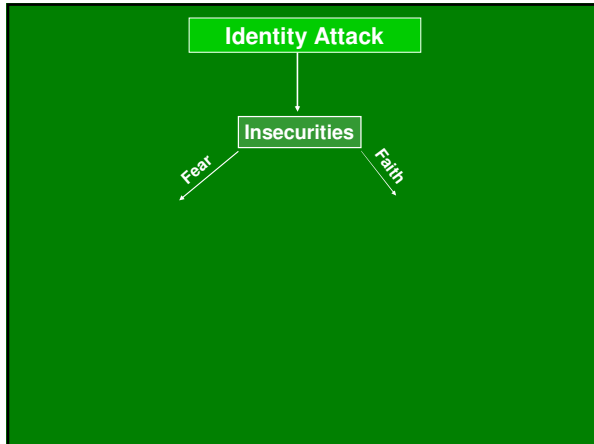
39 Then Gideon said to God, "Do not be angry with me. Let me make just one more request. Allow me one more test with the fleece. This time make the fleece dry and the ground covered with dew."

40 That night God did so. Only the fleece was dry; all the ground was covered with dew. NIV

Want to over come FEAR?

Take Him at His Word

John 4:50



2 Corinthians 10:12

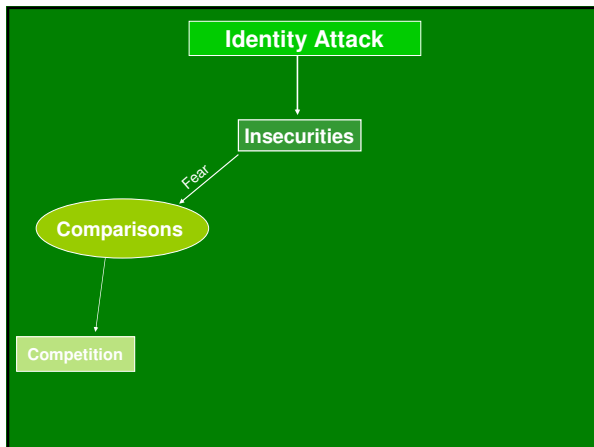
We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise. NIV

1 Samuel 16:7

The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." NIV

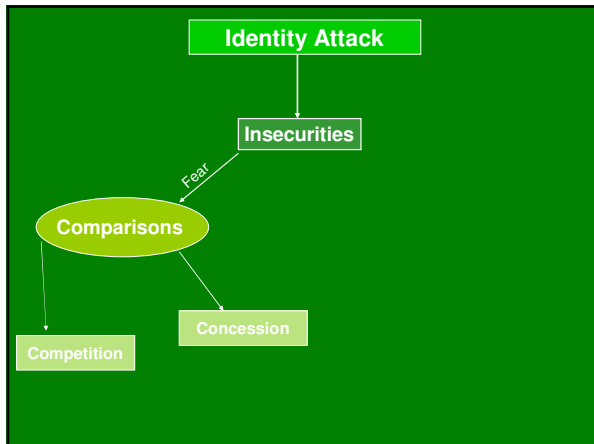
Isaiah 55:8

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. NIV



**Jesus' disciples
vs.
John's disciples**

John 3:22-30

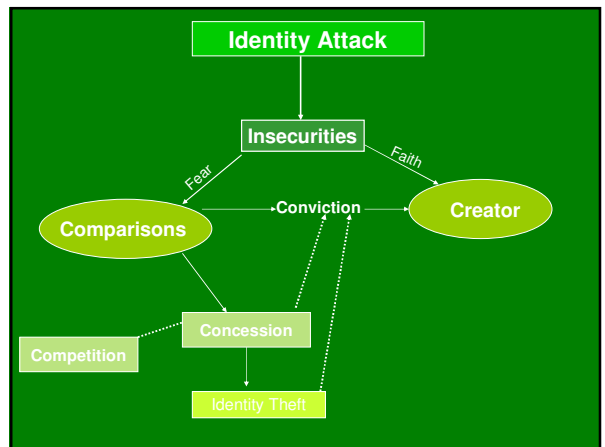
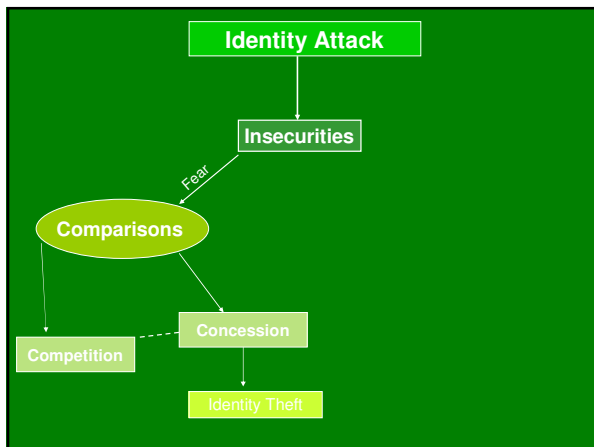


Numbers 13:33

We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them." NIV

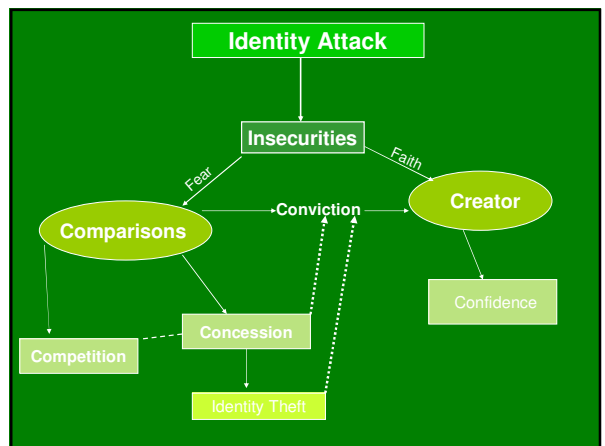
Numbers 14:4

And they said to each other, "We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt." NIV



Renew your mind
Romans 12:2

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will. NIV

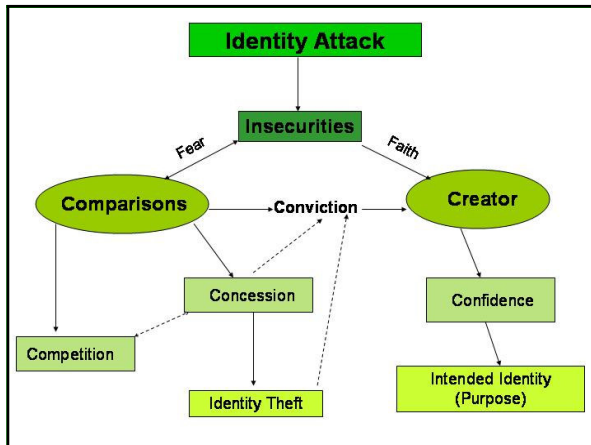


Philippians 1:6

being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. NIV

I'm not conceited

I'm convinced



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What will you do when you leave today?

- Today
- 1-7 days
- 30 days
- 90 days
- 6 months
- 1 year

Don't wait for extraordinary occasions,
seize common opportunities and
make them great!

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