

INSECURITY Labeled – Part 1

ON TV: An altar is a place where Christ Followers **sacrifice something meaningful** before Christ or **lay something down** before Him.

ON TV: Our **identity**. It is who we **think we are**, or who we **believe we are**.

ON TV: We will **choose** find our identity in what **Christ says about us**.

ON TV: It is possible you're missing out on some opportunities, and some relationships, because you've **walled yourself in because of your insecurities**? Is it possible that you're using an **insecurity as an excuse to not try**?

ON TV: There is a relationship between our ability to **follow Jesus** and our willingness to **work on our insecurities**.

ON TV: Our excuses about our insecurities **compete for Christ's Lordship** of our life.

ON TV: Excuses tell us what **we can't do**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"Let us **throw off everything** that hinders us, and the sin that so **easily entangles**..." Hebrews 12:1a*

ON TV: Sin was anything that **hurt someone**, and sin was anything that **hurt you**.

ON TV: Lying **breaks relationships**.

ON TV: Lying to yourself is a sin because lying to yourself **hurts you**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *".... **Throw off everything** that hinders us, and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us **run with perseverance** the race marked out for us...." Hebrews 12:1*

ON TV: People who make excuse **rarely make** much of **a difference**.

ON TV: Excuses we make because of our insecurities are often **selfishness disguised as humility**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"1 ...Let us **throw off** everything that hinders us, and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 **fixing our eyes on Jesus**." Hebrews 12:1-2a*

ON TV: Because when we fix our eyes on Jesus, we will eventually have to **stop manufacturing excuses for the label of insecurity**. Jesus will expose those. Because eventually we will have to **stop lying** to the people around us and to ourselves. We will **stop hiding behind the labels**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"9 And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. 10 So now, go. **I am sending you to Pharaoh** to bring my people, the Israelites out of Egypt.' 11 **Who am I** that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' 12 I will be with you." Exodus 3:11-12*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"10 Lord, **I've never been eloquent**. I'm slow of speech and tongue.' 'I will help you speak, and I will teach you what to say.'" Exodus 3:10*

ON TV: "Pardon your servant, Lord. **Please send someone else**." Exodus 4:13

ON TV/OUTLINE: **REJECTION**

ON TV/OUTLINE: **CRITICISM**

ON TV/OUTLINE: **COMPARISON**

ON TV: What are some things we can do so our insecurities **don't define our identity**?

ON TV/OUTLINE: Change our **THINKING**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “The first will be last and the last will be first.” Matthew 20:16

ON TV: “You have heard it said...**but I say...**” Matthew 5:38

ON TV/OUTLINE: “**Don’t copy** the behavior and customs of this world, but **let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think**. Then you will **learn to know God’s will for you**, which is **good and pleasing and perfect**.” Romans 12:2

ON TV/OUTLINE: “3 When I look at the night sky and see the works of your fingers—the moon and the stars that you set in place—4 what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them? 5 Yet you made them **only a little lower than God** and **crowned them with glory and honor**.” Psalm 8:3-5

ON TV: God created us just a little bit lower than himself and **crowned us** with glory and honor.

ON TV/OUTLINE: Embrace our **UNIQUENESS**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “**For you, God, created my inmost being**, you knit me together in my mother’s womb.” Psalm 139:13

ON TV/OUTLINE: **TRUST** our Creator.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “Oh Lord, you are our Father. **We are the clay, and you are the potter**. We are all formed by your hand.” Isaiah 64:8