



INADEQUACY

True Identity – Pt 1

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EGO: *a person as thinking, feeling, and distinguished from others; self-esteem or self-image*

LAY DOWN

- Our feelings of INADEQUACY.
- Our need for CONTROL.
- Our right to be OFFENDED.
- Our longing for APPROVAL.
- Our hold on the PAST.

*****WHAT YOU KNOW TRUMPS HOW YOU FEEL*****

REASONS WE FEEL INADEQUATE

- Unfair CRITICISM.
- Unrealistic COMPLIMENTS.
- Unwise COMPARISONS.

*****WE COMPARE OTHERS HIGHLIGHT REELS WITH OUR BEHIND THE SCENES*****

The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior." "But sir," Gideon replied, "if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our fathers told us about when they said, 'Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and put us into the hand of Midian." The Lord turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?" "But Lord," Gideon asked, "how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family." The Lord answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together." (Judges 6:11-16)

3 TRUTHS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU

1. God's VIEW of you is different than you think.

When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior." (Judges 6:12)

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. (Ephesians 2:10)

2. God has GIVEN you more than you think.

Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you? (Judges 6:14)

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. (2 Peter 1:3)

3. It's LESS about you than you think.

The Lord answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together." (Judges 6:16)

Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and by his vast strength. Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens. (Ephesians 6:10-12)