

# Lifehouse Church

Maximize Christ Potential in You





# SUMMER INNIN STRETCH



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# Summer Inning Stretch

Part 1 – First Inning Faith





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Part 2 – Mid Game Mindset

Part 3 – Take the Stretch



# Summer Inning Stretch

## Part 4 – Batter Up



# God's Word

Esther 4:14 (NLT) "If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place... Who knows if perhaps you were made queen **for just such a time as this?**"







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# Mindset Shift

You weren't just saved FROM something...  
you were saved FOR something.





# Application Question

What position are you in  
- for just a time like this?



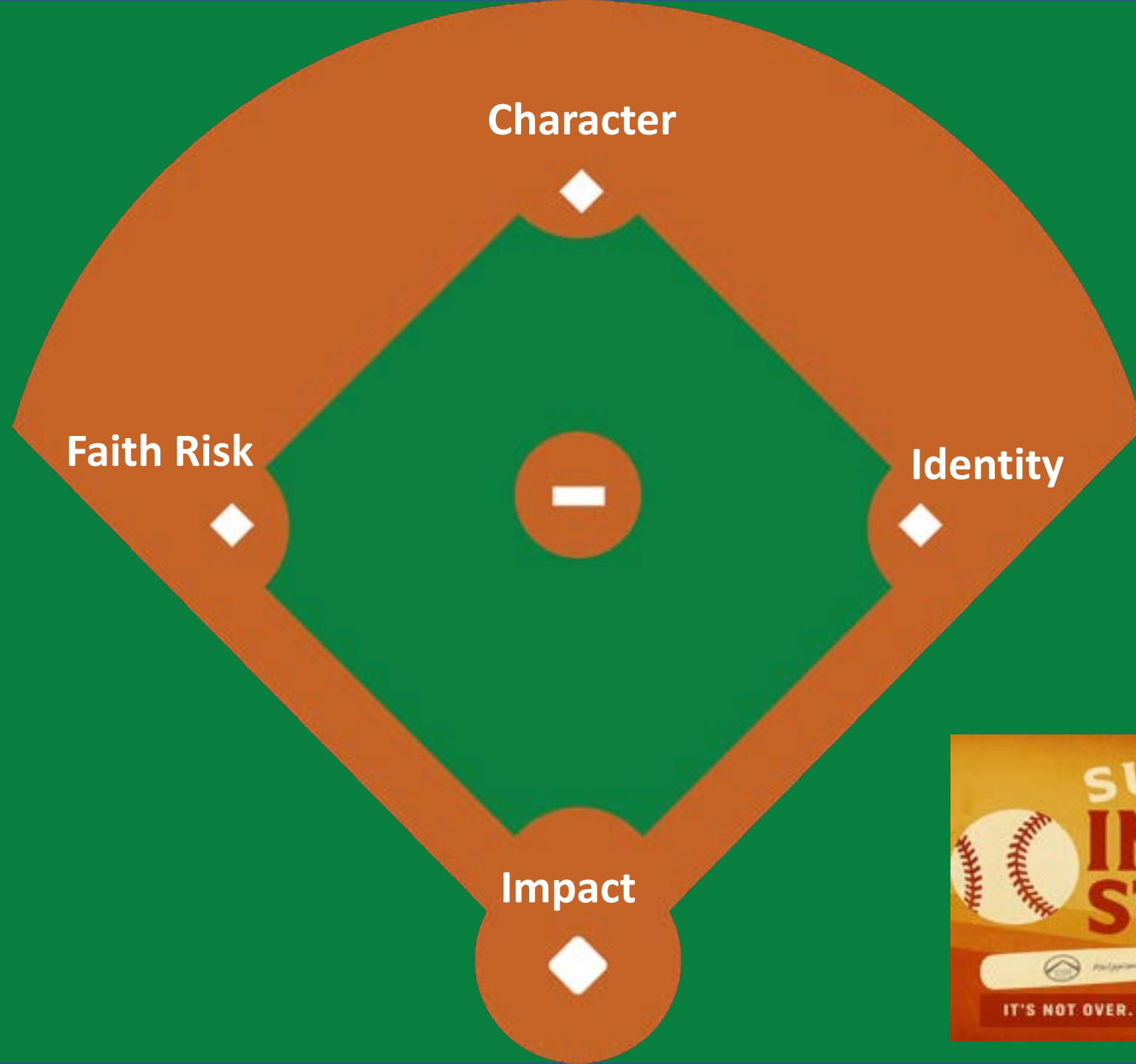


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# Main Point

Step Up to the Plate –  
The Bench will not get you on Base



# BIG IDEA

You were not saved to sit  
- you were called to contribute



# God's Word

Romans 12:6 (NLT) – “In his grace, God has given us different gifts for **doing** certain things well.”





# God's Word

Genesis 1:27–28 (NLT) - "So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Then God blessed them and said, '**Be fruitful and multiply.** Fill the earth and govern it. **Reign over** the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.'"



# God's Word

Genesis 2:15 (NLT) - "The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to **tend** and **watch over** it."

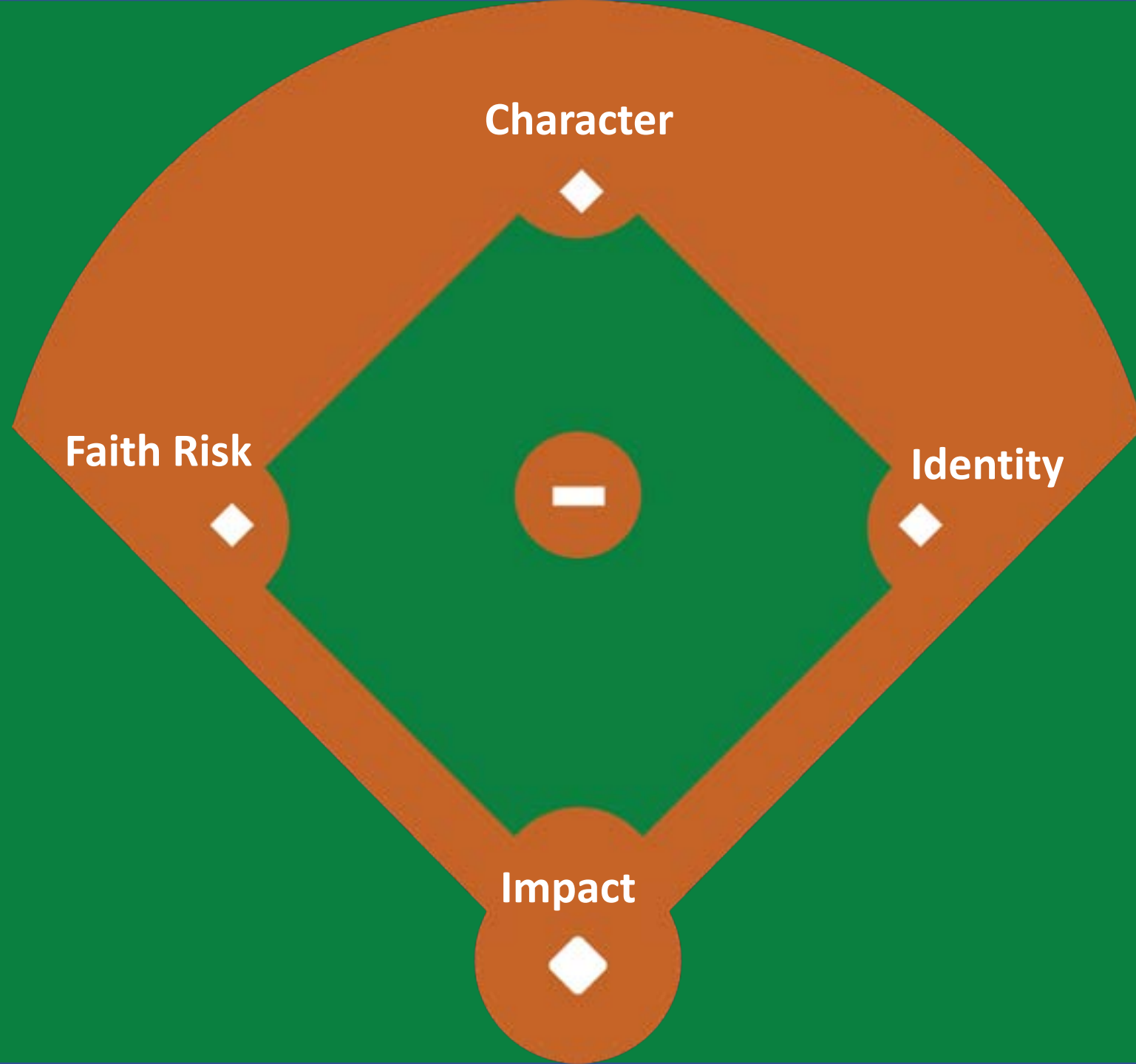


# God's Word

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# First Base IDENTITY



# God's Word

Esther 2:7,17 - “This young woman...was lovely in form and features, and Mordecai had taken her as his own daughter...”





# Mindset Shift

Your background doesn't determine your destiny  
—God's favor does..



# God's Word

1 Peter 2:9 - “But you are not like that, for **you are** a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession.”



# Application Question

Do you really believe  
in this “New Identity?”





# Problem / Solution

## Problem:

The Satanic Pitch - “The Slider of Shame” -  
Leads to the “Imposter Syndrome”



# Problem / Solution

## Solution:

Step 1. Expose the Lie –  
John 8:44 - Satan is the “father of lies”



# Problem / Solution

**Solution:**

Step 2: Anchor Your Identity in Scripture





# Truth Declarations

**“I am a new creation in Christ.” (2 Corinthians 5:17)**

**“I am chosen, not forsaken.” (1 Peter 2:9)**

**“I am the righteousness of God.” (2 Corinthians 5:21)**

**“I am a child of God.” (John 1:12)**



# Mindset Shift

Identity isn't earned. It's inherited.  
I'm not becoming—I already am in Christ.



# Problem / Solution

**Solution:**

Step 3: Live from Identity, Not for Identity





# God's Word

1 Peter 2:9 - “But you are not like that, for **you are** a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession.”



# Mindset Shift

**The Lie:** My fruit must prove my identity

**The Truth:** My identity is what will produce the fruit.



# Second Base Character





# God's Word

Esther 2:12 “Before each young woman was taken to the king, she was given the prescribed **twelve months** of beauty treatments...”



# Mindset Shift

God always prepares you privately  
- before He uses you publicly.







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# Third Base Faith Risk



# God's Word

Esther 4:16 - I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish.”







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# BIG IDEA

If you want to make an eternal impact on the world  
Your faith must overshadow your feelings.



# Application Question

Are you delaying obedience because it's risky?



# God's Word

Hebrews 10:39 (ESV) “But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.”





# Mindset Shift

“I wasn’t brought this far to freeze.  
I was trained to finish.”



# God's Word

2 Timothy 4:7-8 - 7 I have fought the good fight,  
**I have finished the race**, and I have remained faithful.

8 And now the prize awaits me—the crown of  
righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge,  
will give me on the day of his return...



# Application Question

Are you committed to “finishing the race” God has for you?

Would there be any greater experience  
than God placing a crown on you?







# Home Plate Impact



Dog Pile Video



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# Mindset Shift

God has not called us to wear a crown  
- but to carry our cross



# God's Word

Esther 8:16-17 - The Jews were filled with joy and gladness and were honored everywhere.”







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# Application Question

1. What are you doing to see the Kingdom of God win the game?
2. Will you be playing the game of life in the Dugout or Diamond?





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