

**Revelation 3:8 (NKJV)** – *“I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name*

## **I. Previous Sessions**

- A. Understanding the Open Door**
- B. Stop Identifying with the Curse**
- C. Always Identify with the Blessing.**
- D. Have you asked for it?**
- E. How to deal with Rejection (when the answer is no).**

## **II. Dealing with Insecurity**

### **A. Insecurity Definition**

- 1. Uncertainty or anxiety about oneself**
- 2. Lack of confidence**
- 3. Fear or self-doubt**
- 4. A feeling of inadequacy**
  - a. About goals
  - b. Relationships
  - c. Handling certain situations

### **B. Signs of Insecurity**

- 1. Low or superficial self-esteem.**
- 2. Negative self-image.**

3. **Perfectionism – the inability to be satisfied with progress and the need to control or refine projects until they are perfect – this stems from the sensation that you or your performance is never enough.**
4. **Self-isolation – is social insecurity**
5. **Depression and anxiety are often connected with insecurity.**

### **C. Insecurity is in the Curse!**

1. **Deuteronomy 28:65-66 (NKJV)** – <sup>65</sup>*And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind: <sup>66</sup>And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life:*
  - a. **Deuteronomy 28:66 (LSV)** – *and your life has been hanging in suspense before you, and you have been afraid by night and by day, and you do not have assurance in your life*
  - b. **Deuteronomy 28:66 (YLV)** – *and thy life hath been hanging in suspense before thee, and thou hast been afraid by night and by day, and dost not believe in thy life;*
2. **Failure is in the curse. Many times, failure is a result of insecurity.**
  - a. To insecure to try.
  - b. To insecure to ask.
  - c. To insecure to build the right relationships.
  - d. The end result of insecurity is defeat and failure.
  - e. It's in the curse.
3. **Personal Example – I realized that my personal insecurity was the curse at work; to keep me from becoming all that God had created me for.**

**Although God's open door was set before me, insecurity (the curse at work) would keep me from reaching my full potential.**  
*Since I am redeemed from the curse – I must be redeemed from insecurity.*

## D. Examples of Insecurity in the Bible.

### 1. Jeremiah

**Jeremiah 1:4-10 (NKJV)** – <sup>4</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: <sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.” <sup>6</sup>Then said I: “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth.” <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me: “Do not say, ‘I am a youth,’ for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of their faces, for I am with you to deliver you,” says the LORD. <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me: “Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant

- a. The conversation – “The Lord said – I said”. Verse 4, 6, 7, 8, 9.
- b. Insecurity was answering the Lord.  
*I am only a youth*  
*I cannot speak*
- c. The Lord’s Instruction
  - 1) Do not say I am a youth.
  - 2) Be not afraid of their faces.
  - 3) There are some things you need to stop saying about yourself.
  - 4) Do not allow people’s negative looks, actions, body language to keep you from your assignment.
  - 5) You are too interested in the reaction of the people.
  - 6) I am with you – all you need to know it that I am with you. If I am with you – you will succeed

### 2. Gideon

**Judges 6:12-16 (NKJV)** – <sup>12</sup>And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, “The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor!” <sup>13</sup>Gideon said to Him, “O my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our

*fathers told us about, saying, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?’ But now the LORD has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.”<sup>14</sup> Then the LORD turned to him and said, “Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?”<sup>15</sup> So he said to Him, “O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father’s house.”<sup>16</sup> And the LORD said to him, “Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man.*

- a. The Angel of the Lord refers to Gideon as a mighty man of valor.
  - 1) NIV – Mighty Warrior
  - 2) NLT – Mighty Hero
  - 3) AMP – O Brave Man
  - 4) CEV – Strong Warrior
- b. Gideon’s response to the Lord
  - 1) Verse 15 – My clan is the weakest, and I am the least in my father’s house.
  - 2) Least – youngest – smallest  
*Gideon saw himself – less than.*  
*Gideon saw himself insignificant compared to others.*
  - 3) CEV – Everyone else in my family is more important than I am.
  - 4) Inferiority is at work to keep Gideon from God’s open door/His God given assignment to be a deliverer.
- c. Gideon’s inferiority came as a result of seeing himself different from other family members.
  - 1) Because he saw himself as different, he was persuaded that his difference was a weakness.
  - 2) God apparently did not see his differences as weakness, because God called him a strong, brave, and mighty warrior.
- d. If you can be convinced that you are different from others in a negative sense/ the seed of inferiority will be sown – and will produced a harvest.
- e. The reason Gideon was different from everyone else in the family was that his calling and purpose in life was different.

### 3. David

- a. When God decided to birth David as a King, He decided to use Jesse as his earthly father.
- b. Jesse could never see himself in David because David was different than himself and his other brothers.
- c. David's uniqueness caused Jesse to overlook him when Samuel showed up to anoint the next King.
- d. God recognized the uniqueness as the qualities of a King – because He had put those qualities there before He formed David in the womb.
- e. God told Jeremiah, Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you – *YOUR PARENTS CONCEIVED YOU – BUT GOD FORMED YOU!*
- f. Sometimes what God formed in you – and what God put in you for His purpose makes those who are connected to you naturally to be uncomfortable. *It is possible because of the unique qualities that God put in you – for the attitudes and reaction of these well-meaning relatives to actually feed inferiority in your life.*
- g. The actions of Jesse toward David – could cause inferiority to thrive in David.
- h. The statements of his brothers – indicating that you are not like we are – you are not a warrior – you are not able to fight in this battle – you are just a shepherd boy – you are only good for tending the sheep. These statements are seeds for inferiority.
- i. David needs to do exactly what God had told Jeremiah.  
*Don't get in agreement by saying what they are saying.  
Don't be fearful of their reactions/responses – their faces.*

### III. Closing

- A. Regardless of the source of inferiority in your life – recognize it as an enemy to your future.**

**You can never move forward as long as you are convinced of your inabilities and weaknesses**

- B. Stop being moved by what everyone else thinks because your gifts and talents are not like theirs.**

**C. Remind yourself:**

- 1. I am strong where I need to be strong!**
- 2. I am sharp where I need to be sharp!**
- 3. The reason I am not like you – is because I am not supposed to be like you!**
  - a. My audience is not your audience.
  - b. My purpose is not your purpose.
- 4. I am fearfully and wonderfully made by God to be fully developed and thoroughly equipped to do everything He created me for.**
- 5. His plan/purpose will always be Good!**