

Identity Theft – 2

Approximately 15 million United States residents have their identities used fraudulently each year with financial losses totaling upwards of \$50 billion.*

On a case-by-case basis, that means approximately 7% of all adults have their identities misused with each instance resulting in approximately \$3,500 in losses.

In a group this size that means 5-7 of us could be a victim of Identity Theft

John 10:10

10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. NKJV

- Events in our life steal our true identity
- Most of us are living as a shadow of who we were created to be at best – hiding, pretending – in disguise
- The word of God is your LifeLock to protecting your spiritual identity

The Devil will try to steal your identity, kill your dreams (Hope) and destroy the plan of God for your life (Intimacy with God) – Nan

Research has shown that memories in our early childhood development effect who we become later in life. Our fears, hang-ups and self image are shaped early on in a child's life.

No Slide: Psalm 33:15

15 He fashions their hearts individually;

He considers all their works. NKJV

- You are unique
- 23 chromosomes from each of your father and mother
- 1 in 10 million for each (multiply the two)
- 1 in 100 trillion chance that you would be who you are
- Factor in the same is true for each of them – impossible

Ephesians 1:3-4

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love. NKJV

No Slide: Ephesians 2:10

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

- You are His painting
- You are His Novel
- You are His sculpture

Last week we looked at Gideon and Jeremiah
Started to look at the life of David

David and Goliath

Saul and the men of Israel are at war with Philistines and Goliath is picking a fight. David goes to the front line to bring food to his brothers and bring word to their father on their well being.

1 Samuel 17:4-7

4 And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. 5 He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. 6 And he had bronze armor on his legs and a bronze javelin between his shoulders. 7 Now the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his iron spearhead weighed six hundred shekels; and a shield-bearer went before him. NKJV

- Goliath is between 9 and 11 ft tall
- His armor weighs about 125lbs
- His spear weighs 15lbs
- He weighs at least 300lbs
- With his armor weighs in at about 425lbs
- David is 150lbs?

God will use the least likely – 1 Corinthians 1:23

Samuel anoints David

1 Samuel 16:11

11 And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep." NKJV

- Jesse presents 7 sons – forgets David

1 Samuel 16:13

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah. NKJV

- When you enter into a relationship with the Lord you become a different person!
- Buried with him in baptism – Colossians 2:12

1 Samuel 17:8-11

8 Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. 9 If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us."

10 And the Philistine said, "I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together." 11 When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid. NKJV

1 Samuel 17:26

26 Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?" NKJV

- Uncircumcised – one who does not have a covenant
- Am I aware of my covenant?
- Covenant – Jeremiah 31:33 – My words in your heart and mind

1 Samuel 17:28

28 Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger was aroused against David, and he said, "Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle." NKJV

- Who do you think you are?
- Don't you know you can't do?

1 Samuel 17:33

33 And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are a youth, and he a man of war from his youth." NKJV

1 Samuel 17:34-37

34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep his father's sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, 35 I went out after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard, and struck and killed it. 36 Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God." 37 Moreover David said, "The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." NKJV

- It was the Lord who delivered – 2 Timothy 4:18
- Do I know the deliverance of the Lord?
- The lion, the bear – David remembered God's faithfulness

1 Samuel 17:38-39

38 So Saul clothed David with his armor, and he put a bronze helmet on his head; he also clothed him with a coat of mail. 39 David fastened his sword to his armor and tried to walk, **for he had not tested them**. And David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these, for I have not tested them." So David took them off. NKJV

- David would have lost the battle in Saul's armor
- He was not a swordsmen
- We need to know who we are and who is in us
(Individual) (Unique)

1 Samuel 17:40, 45-47

40 Then he took his staff in his hand; and he chose for himself **five smooth stones** from the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag, in a pouch which he had, and his sling was in his hand. And he drew near to the Philistine.

45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But **I come to you in the name of the LORD** of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will **strike you and take your head from you**. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, **that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel**. 47 Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; **for the battle is the LORD's**, and He will give you into our hands." NKJV

1 Samuel 17:51-54

51 And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. 52 Now the men of Israel and Judah arose and shouted, and pursued the Philistines as far as the entrance of the valley and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell along the road to Shaaraim, even as far as Gath and Ekron. 53 Then the children of Israel returned from chasing the Philistines, and they plundered their tents. 54 And David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his armor in his tent. NKJV

- I believe that Goliath's armor was a memorial
- A memorial to God's faithfulness
- An altar – a place to remember and worship
- My office – Pic of volcano, guitar, sword, CD
- Did David save the stone?
- Did Jacob ever camp out at Bethel again?
- Did Abraham ever journey back to Mt. Moriah?
- Did Peter ever row out to the place where he walked on water?
- Did Zacchaeus let his grandkids climb the tree?
- How many times did Paul travel the road to Damascus and stop by the marker where his life changed
- Did Lazarus make a yearly trek to the tomb?

Deuteronomy 8:18

18 "And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. NKJV

- Remember – almost 250 times in scripture

Why do we remember what we should forget and forget what we should remember?

On the mount of transfiguration

Mark 9:7

7 And a cloud came and overshadowed them; and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" NKJV

- We now build an altar, if you will, around the word of God!
- God proves himself faithful to His word
- Remember what God has done through His Son Jesus

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. NKJV

2 Timothy 1:13-14

13 Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

14 That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. NKJV

Colossians 1:26-27

26 the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. 27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. NKJV