

## Identity Theft

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.

Close to 100 million additional Americans have their personal identifying information placed at risk of identity theft each year when records maintained in government and corporate databases are lost or stolen.

These alarming statistics demonstrate identity theft may be the most frequent, costly and pervasive crime in the United States.

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

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.

Many researchers believe the level of popularity a child receives between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade is the greatest predictor of the mental health of that person when they become an adult.

Not only in childhood but throughout our lives the memories both good and bad can really dictate our future. Our memories really become our future.

Alfred Adler, one of the three great psychologist/philosophers of the twentieth century is said to have started therapy sessions with a question. "What is your earliest memory?" To which he would always answer, "And so life is"

Psychological research suggests that ones self-concept is defined by a very small number of experiences. Only one percent makes it into our conscious memories. And less than one percent would be considered not just memorable but unforgettable.

Every past experience is preparation for some future opportunity. In a sense, who we are today is a combination of the where we've been, what we've done and who we've known.

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

There is a destiny that God has planned since before time.

You and I need to reboot our memories and look into Gods word and seek him to find who we were created to be.

**Psalm 33:15**

15 He fashions their hearts individually;

He considers all their works. NKJV

**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

**Galatians 1:15-16 NKJV**

15 But when it pleased God, who separated me **from my mother's womb and called me** through His grace, 16 to

reveal **His Son in me**, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood.

**Jeremiah 1:5**

5 **"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."** NKJV

Psalm 139:16

16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.  
And in Your book they all were written,  
The days fashioned for me,  
When as yet there were none of them. NKJV

The dullest and most uninteresting person you talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship. There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere human.

– C.S. Lewis *“The weight of glory”*

Gideon

Judges 6:1-4, 6

1 Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD. So the LORD delivered them into the hand of Midian for seven years, 2 and the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of the Midianites, the children of Israel made for themselves the dens, the caves, and the strongholds which are in the mountains. 3 So it was, whenever Israel had sown, Midianites would come up; also Amalekites and the people of the East would come up against them. 4 Then they would encamp against them and destroy the produce of the earth as far as Gaza, and leave no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep nor ox nor donkey.

6 So Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites, and the children of Israel cried out to the LORD. NKJV

### Judges 6:11-12 NKJV

11 Now the Angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, **in order to hide** it from the Midianites. 12 And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, **"The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor!"**

### Judges 6:13

13 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." NKJV

### Judges 6:14-15

14 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?"**

15 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." NKJV

### Judges 6:16

16 And the LORD said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man." NKJV

God raises up and army of 300 from 22,000 to defeat the Midianites.

Jeremiah

Jeremiah 1:6-10

6 Then said I:

"Ah, Lord GOD!

Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth ."

7 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.

8 Do not be afraid of their faces,

For I am with you to deliver you," says the LORD.

9 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.

10 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." NKJV

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

“He works in the living spirit and the living flesh; He makes men instead of statues” – Vincent van Gogh

If you want to know more about the masterpiece you must talk to the artist.

You and I must get our identity and self worth from Father God!

### Genesis 3:11

11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" NKJV

The best way to reboot our memory is to download the Word of God.

### Psalms 119:11

11 Your word I have hidden in my heart,  
That I might not sin against You. NKJV

- 55 times in scripture – Your word
- 36 are in Psalms
- Jesus said “I have given them Your word”
- “Sanctify them by Your truth”  
– John 17

David knew about overcoming his past and trusting in the Name (word) of the Lord

### Psalms 138:2 NKJV

2 I will worship toward Your holy temple,  
And praise Your name  
For Your lovingkindness and Your truth;  
For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

## 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 17:4-8

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 9-11ft 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?

### 1 Samuel 17:36-37

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