



REVIEW:

LIE: I AM NOT FULLY LOVED
TRUTH: GOD LOVES YOU

LIE: I MUST DO MORE
TRUTH: THE WORK OF MEASURING UP IS FINISHED

LIE: I CANNOT CHANGE
TRUTH: GOD IS CHANGING YOU

LIE: I HAVE NOTHING TO OFFER
TRUTH: YOU ARE SIGNIFICANT TO GOD

Can you spot times through this past week when you gave into the lie that you are not significant?

- Did you give into peer pressure this week?
- Did you join in a conversation you knew was not godly?
- Did you fear the disapproval of others? Did it influence your actions in a negative way?
- Did you lack confidence and boldness at any time this week?
- Did you hold back from sharing Jesus with someone this week when an opportunity arose?
- Did you feel you could not be effective in connecting someone to God?
- Did you NOT use your gifts, abilities, resources for God's kingdom this week?
- Did you look down on yourself and your abilities?
- Did you lack confidence at any time to exercise God's authority?
- Did fear keep you from stepping out in faith?
- Did you hide your faith from others this week?
- Did you feel uncomfortable expressing God's perspective on a controversial topic this week?
- Did you put a lampshade over your light this week?
- Did you feel insignificant?
- Do you feel there would be no significant loss if you were gone?
- Do you feel others are more important and necessary than yourself?
- Do others who see you daily, not know about your faith?
- Does your life lack purpose?
- Is your faith a private faith?

Is it difficult to see the lie in any of the above scenarios? If so which ones?



Can you recall the four ways in which you are called to represent Christ?

1. [Salt](#)
2. [Ambassador](#)
3. [Image](#)
4. [Light](#)

In what ways, through this past week, did you bring the SAIL attributes with you into your home, work, or social life?

- Salt** You have spiritual influence.
- Ambassador** You have a message the world needs to hear.
- Image** You represent God’s presence and authority.
- Light** You reveal God’s glory and truth.

THE NEED FOR VISION vs. OBLIGATION

Sometimes we still buy into the lie that we “need” to do things to please God. God does not invite us to “do” things; he invites us to partner with him as he changes the world.

What will be the difference between doing something because you “should” versus doing something because you have vision for what could be?

<u>OBLIGATION</u>	<u>VISION</u>
Responsibility -----	Privilege
Sense of duty -----	Sense of excitement
Bare minimum -----	Go the extra mile
Little investment -----	Life investment
Indifference -----	Passion
Onerous -----	Life-breathing
Guilt -----	Freedom

When God invites you to represent him to this world, do you tend to view it as an obligation to fulfill or as an opportunity to partner with him?

God has general ways we are all to represent him, but he has also designed each of us to have a unique contribution in his kingdom.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (NIV)

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. ⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

Spiritual gifts are abilities the Holy Spirit brings into our life the moment we accept the Spirit of Christ to rule in our lives. They enable us to be effective in some area of kingdom work that results in either strengthening or expanding the church.

Are you able to identify your spiritual gifts with confidence? If so, what do you think is your top spiritual gift?

Psalms 37:4 (NIV)

Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.

God has designed you in such a way that you will find delight serving him in your own area of passion. Are you able to identify your area of ministry passion?

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

What good works do you think God may have prepared you to do?

Philippians 3:17 (NIV)

Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you.

Do you feel confident in inviting others to follow your spiritual example? Why or why not?



What changes do you feel you need to start making so that you could represent God the way you were designed to?

Satan will attempt to hinder your Representational Effectiveness.

Zechariah 3:1-5 (NIV)

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him. ² The Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, Satan! The Lord, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?" ³ Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. ⁴ The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes." Then he said to Joshua, "See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put rich garments on you." ⁵ Then I said, "Put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him, while the angel of the Lord stood by.

Does anyone know what the name "Satan" means?

The name Satan means accuser or adversary.

As High Priest, Joshua was representative of the people of God. Of what do you think Satan was planning on accusing Joshua?

Satan will accuse Joshua of his sinfulness and unworthiness to represent God as a high priest. Satan's strategy is to continually accuse us of our faults and failings before God. He keeps raising the performance issue in order to condemn us.

How did God respond to this accusation made against Joshua?

He rebukes Satan and declares Joshua rescued from the consequences of his sinfulness. He removes Joshua's old filthy clothes and dresses him in new clean ones.

What was the significance of changing Joshua's clothes?

Joshua's dirty clothes represented his sinfulness before God. The new, clean clothes represented the righteousness of God that was now placed on him. He originally had a basis for being accused by Satan, but because he was cleansed and his sin removed, there was no longer a basis for the charge against him.

The new clothes were priestly garments indicating he was appointed by God to represent him. Joshua was now clean, without guilt, and fully qualified to represent God. This was not by his own righteousness, but because of God's righteousness placed on him.



1 John 2:1 (NIV)

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

Satan no longer has any basis to accuse us before God and disqualify us of our representative role. Do you sometimes feel unworthy or inadequate to represent God?

What would Jesus want to say to you regarding this point?

- He died to cleanse you and declare you worthy.
- He died to qualify you for ministry.
- He has specifically commanded you to represent him to the world
- He has a wonderful role for your life.
- He wants you to believe his truth and act on it, as opposed to Satan's accusations against you.

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

How can you personally play a role of going into all the world and making disciples?

If a church started with only one member, but invited one person a year, and each subsequent person invited one person each year, how large would the church be in 20 years? Any guesses?



Year 1	2	Year 6	64	Year 11	2,048	Year 16	65,536
Year 2	4	Year 7	128	Year 12	4,096	Year 17	131,072
Year 3	8	Year 8	256	Year 13	8,192	Year 18	262,144
Year 4	16	Year 9	512	Year 14	16,384	Year 19	524,288
Year 5	32	Year 10	1,024	Year 15	32,768	Year 20	1,048,576

If everyone in our present church simply invited one person per year, how large would the church be in three years?

How doable do you think it is to invite one person over the course of a year if you were to make this a strategic goal?

What is preventing us from doing this?

What potential lies could we buy into in the process of inviting someone to church?

- 1) I need to invite someone to measure up to the church's expectation?
- 2) I need to do this to measure up to my idea of what a good Christian "should" do?
- 3) I need to do this so God will be happy with me and accept me?
- 4) I need to do this to make our church more successful.
- 5) I need to do this to prove my spirituality

What is a proper motivation for introducing to people to God?

Who could you invite to church or engage in a spiritual conversation this week?