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Night 3 Teaching

“The biggest poser of them all”

I want to challenge us to really dive into tonight because while you may not think about the real day to day effects of being something you are not and echoing something different then God has called to be the pain is real and effects are life changing. Recently I did a series called confessions. Voices have been changed.

VIDEO CONFESSIONS 2:47

Genesis chapter 3

PICTURES... 3 devil pics

END WITH SPONGE BOB. **Who lives in a pineapple under the sea?**

To be honest I spent a lot of my life not even thinking about the devil. I was like most people, I believed he existed, he was bad and I didn't want to have anything to do with him.

The devil has had an identity crisis for a long time. He is the greatest poser of all times, he started the game long ago. It all started with him. Many of you know the story. Lucifer (the devil) started out as an angel and many religious scholars believe that in **Ezekiel 28** speaks of what he looked like how more superior he was then all the other angels.

The devil is there now and started acting and believing something about himself that he wasn't. He started believing he was no other then God himself.

According to scripture we know several things about the devil:

- John 8:44 The father of lies
- 1 peter 5:8 “Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

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- John 10:10 the mission statements are formed. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

What is very interesting to me is the very thing that took him out he uses on everyone. Including the first 2 humans.

Genesis 3: 1-6

We catching on to what is happening? The devil who remember, is a liar, seeking to take you out and destroy you tricked them into thinking they could be something they are not and how much better it would be. I believe that like Adam and Eve we have the same choice to make everyday we live. Will we believe in God's truth or the devils lies about us and our future? Will we take God's word and wrap our lives around it or will we say I know what is truth but I want something else.

We get tricked and deceived all the time and many times don't know it. The devil is always looking to try and take us out and get us from being who we really are. Follow all the way through scripture and you will find the devil game plan is always the same; in fact he even tried it on Jesus.

Matthew chapter 4:1-11

One thing to note is scripture is true, when we turn to God, resist he will flee. The other is notice how confident Jesus is doing all of this. He can be confident because He knows who He is. He is saying, I know my role in this and I know that no matter what you promise I will only worship God the father. I know my place and role and destiny.

Who Jesus is through old and new test.

No identity crisis from our God. So track with me on this, before mankind you had a fallen angel (the devil) fall because he was trying to be someone he could never be.

Why is the devil concerned with you and I?

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Psalm 86:11 "Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart." An undivided heart isn't heart trying to please 2 things. It is one heart, one soul and one lives living for the acceptance and love of one God.

For others today who are struggling to make it you just need to be told who you are according to Christ. You have walked around believing lies about yourself for so long you now believe them to be true. The devil has beat you up so bad you believe every negative word about you. People have called you worthless, loser, unloved, wanted. You have bought the lie the devil has given and tonight you need to hear something more powerful than that. You need to hear that when you come into a relationship with Jesus these things are true about you.

Forgiven of all sins

Are a home for the Holy Spirit

You are accepted

You are loved

You are set free

Light of the world

God's workmanships

More than a conqueror, overcomes

Andy's answer

I will tell you right now it isn't always pretty and honestly sometimes it can be quite messy yet through the messes and mess-ups God has always been pulling for me, drawing me to Him and helping me be who I was created to be. I have always been under God's watch, it just took me years to understand what God was trying to say all along to me and what he wants to say to all of us!

Be you, be unique, be original, believe, become, BE

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Everyone can spot a poser, right? Someone pretending to be something they're not. But what about the poser in the mirror? Are we even aware of how often we betray who we really are? This series will call you out and invite you to drop the pose and become the authentic, real person God created you to be.

Walk Away Point: God made you one of a kind for a reason.

Leaders: Choose questions from these suggestions to help your group process, personalize, and take action on this week's message. Don't feel like you need to do them all and try not to read from the sheet.

Icebreakers:

1. What is the best lie anyone has ever told you that you actually believed?
2. Describe your view of the devil.

What do I think?

1. What makes Satan the biggest poser?
2. Do you think most people's view of Satan is accurate?
3. Why do you think the devil wants you to believe things about yourself that aren't true?
4. Is a half-truth just as dangerous as an all-out lie? Why or why not?

What does God say?

1. Read 1 Peter 5:8 (NLT). Why do you think it's important to be self-controlled and alert about the devil? *Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.*
2. Do you think you are as serious about this command as God is? Why or why not?
3. Prowls. Lion. Roaring. Devours. All four of these are intense words. Why do you think people don't take the devil as seriously as he should be taken?

What steps will I take?

1. It is not enough to stop believing lies. We must replace those lies with the truth. What are some practical ways you can replace lies with God's truth?
2. Write down the lies you tend to believe about yourself. Ask yourself if these lies are from God or from the enemy. Go through your list and replace those lies with what God thinks of you.
3. Have you told any lies about anyone else? Do you need to ask for forgiveness?

Group Challenge:

Continue to memorize Matthew 7:1-5 and be ready to share how much you have memorized with your group. While a believer cannot be possessed by the devil; we can definitely be influenced by him. Read through the book of Ephesians this week. It is only 6 chapters and will take you less than 20 minutes. This will help you understand who you really are as a follower of Jesus. Take it a step further and actually write down every mention of what God thinks about you. Have fun with this and be ready to share what you learned with your group.

Encourage your students to download and read Andy Tilly's book Poser. It's free to them during this month at <http://poser.andytilly.com>.