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BENEATH

Insecurity

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*“I wander alone, and ponder. I muse, I mope, I ruminate. We have not men fit for the times. We are deficient in genius, education, in travel, fortune—in everything I feel unutterable anxiety.”*

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John Adams

# Signs of Insecurity:

1. Constantly comparing
2. Worth based on performance
3. Can't celebrate others' successes
4. Don't enjoy people \_\_\_\_\_er than you
5. Have to have the final word
6. Concentrate on bad rather than celebrate the good.
7. Value approval more than advancement.
8. Make excuses rather than take responsibility

I am not \_\_\_\_\_ enough.



# Competing Identities

1. The “you” as you see you.
2. The “you” as others see you.
3. The “you” you think others see when they see you.
4. The “you” you can’t see when you see you.
5. The “you” you want to see when you see you
6. The “you” you think God sees when He sees you.
7. The “you” God sees when God sees you.

Gideon

Midian so impoverished the  
Israelites that they cried out to  
the Lord **for help**.

**Judges 6:6 NIV**



**When** the angel of the Lord  
appeared to Gideon...

**Judges 6:12 NIV**

When the angel of the Lord  
appeared to Gideon he said,  
“The Lord is with you, **mighty  
warrior.**”

**Judges 6:12 NIV**

“Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but **if** the Lord is with us, **why** has all this happened to us?”

**Judges 6:13 NIV**

Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, ‘Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?’ But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian.”

**Judges 6:13 NIV**

The Lord turned to him and said, “Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand. Am I not sending you?”

**Judges 6:14 NIV**

“Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but **how can I** save Israel? My clan is the **weakest** in Manasseh, and I am the **least** in my family.”

**Judges 6:15 NIV**



And then the Lord said, “Oh, my bad...never mind what I said as I was thinking of someone else.”

**Judges 6:15 TKB**

And the Lord said to him,  
“Surely I will be **with you**, and  
you shall defeat the Midianites  
**as one man.**”

**Judges 6:15 NKJV**

God only needs one, and He  
made me to be that one.

**BIG FAITH often begins  
with small steps.**

Then the Spirit of the Lord  
came on Gideon...

**Judges 6:34 NIV**

His friend responded, “This can be nothing other than the sword of Gideon son of Joash, the Israelite. God has given the Midianites and the whole camp into **his hands**.”

**Judges 7:14 NIV**



When Gideon heard the dream and its interpretation, he bowed down and worshiped. He returned to the camp of Israel and called out, “Get up! The Lord has given the Midianite camp into your hands.”

**Judges 7:15 NIV**

Faith is believing that God is  
who He says He is, and that I  
am who He says I am.  
Great faith is acting like it.

It is unwise to think of yourself  
more highly than you should,  
and it is unfortunate  
to think less of yourself  
than God does.

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If **God is for us**, who can be against us?

**Romans 8:31 NIV**

What would you do if you  
absolutely knew that God was  
with you and for you?

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all —how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

**Romans 8:32 NIV**



Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

**Romans 8:35 NIV**

No, in all these things we are  
more than conquerors through  
him who loved us.

**Romans 8:37 NIV**

Because of Jesus I am more  
than where I am, I am more  
than how I feel, and I am  
more than what I have.

In Christ...I am.  
Through Christ...I can.  
With Christ...I will.

The insecurity in me fades  
when I find my ultimate  
security in Christ.