

# SCARED

10:10-11:10 am

- **SLIDE 66 Short song intro from (MASQUARADE)**
  - PUT MASK ON
  - Could you take me seriously?
  - Can anyone take you seriously
  - Look around can you take anyone seriously
  - This talk is about the masks we wear to hide our brokenness from others.
- **SLIDE 67** The title of the talk is SCARED
- **SLIDE 68** Does anyone in the world, other than you; know what's on your purple paper?
- **SLIDE 69** Why not?
- **SLIDE 70** SCARED
  - Write this down
  - (C) CHAGRIN Humiliation, embarrassment, sorrow.
- **NO SLIDE** If we want to live honestly and sincerely and we need to have a transparent personality.
- **SLIDE 71** If Jesus came to save the lost and broken why do we want to pretend we are not broken? Luke 19:10

- **SLIDE 72** We all seem to be so afraid! *“Joseph, son of David, **do not be afraid** to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. Matthew 1:18-20*
  - Theologians have **3 interpretations** about this language
    - Joseph learns of the pregnancy and assumes it was adultery and wanted to spare her shame.
    - Joseph already had knowledge that she had conceived through the Holy Spirit and he felt unworthy to be the husband. He is told that she will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” Joseph could maybe see that all this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means “God is with us.” He felt unworthy.

- He didn't know what to think. He knew she was with child and he knew it wasn't his. But he knew Mary had remained faithful. He was confused and frightened.
- **Slide 73** In the end what did Joseph do? He trusted God and overcame his fear. ***“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.”***
  - Are we too afraid to trust God and to live honest, sincere and transparent lives because we fear shame?
  - If Joseph would have allowed fear to win the day, we might not have had our Savior.
- **Slide 74 “Fear Not”** some have said the Bible says “fear not” 365 times....one for each day, it does not but I can tell you it or ***“be not afraid”*** are in the Bible over 100 times. Listen for these words as your journey through Advent.

- **SLIDE 75** Satan causes us to live in a world of delusion, unreality and shadows.
  - Satan is a great illusionist. He varnishes the truth and encourages dishonesty.
- **SLIDE 76** Three Types of Masks
- **SLIDE 77** **Mask One:** Hiding ourselves from others
- **SLIDE 78-85** **SONG** Stained Glass Masquerade Casting Crowns
- **SLIDE 86** Am I the only one in church feeling so small
- **SLIDE 87** **Mask One:** Hiding ourselves from others
  - **BULLET 1** We get walled in by pride and shame
  - **BULLET 2** What would my friends think if they knew what I struggled with?
  - **BULLET 3** We must overcome pride and shame by being vulnerable

- **SLIDE 88 Mask Two:** Hiding ourselves from ourselves
  - Far worse than the first mask
  - Self-deception prevents us from seeing ourselves as we really are
  - Pope Francis was ask a question: “What would you say to someone who doesn’t feel like a sinner?” ***“I would advise him to ask for the grace of feeling like one.”***
- **SLIDE 89** Halo Story
  - There is a story about a man who goes to the doctor complaining of a sharp shooting pain in his head. The doctor asked him to confirm it was a sharp shooting pain. “Yes that’s it the man replied.” Simple my dear fellow! Your trouble is you have your halo on too tight. Try loosening it a bit.
- **SLIDE 90** Are you wearing so much makeup that you don’t even know the real you?

- **SLIDE 91 Mask Three:** Satan hides our real brokenness from us by making us focus on only what is on our purple paper.
  - Is the sin you regularly confess the real thing that separates you from a fuller relationship with God or is that a distraction from Satan?
- **SLIDE 92 THE PURPLE PAPER MASK**
  - **BULLET** Maybe Satan has you right where he wants you, focused on the wrong thing?
  - **BULLET** Are there more serious sins?
  - **BULLET** Maybe your major sin is pride, control, anger, the inability to forgive, sins of omission or something else. You never confess those things because he has these things hidden behind a mask.
- **SLIDE 93 Yellow paper exercise (TAKE OUT PAPER)**
- **SLIDE 94** Psalm 139... *"Probe me O God and know my heart, test me and know my anxious thoughts, point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me on the path to everlasting life."*
- **NO SLIDE** Is the sin you regularly confess the real thing that separates you from a fuller relationship with God or is that a distraction from Satan?

- **SLIDE 95** Why Hide? We need to admit that **WE ALL NEED TO BE SAVED**
- **SLIDE 96 Parking Joke:**
  - There was a business executive going to an important meeting. No parking space. He looked up to God and said God if you will help me find a parking space I will start going to church every Sunday and I will give up drinking for the rest of my life. Just then miraculously a parking space became open and the man looked up to God and said never mind God, I found one on my own.
- **SLIDE 97** We cannot save ourselves
  - “Miserable one that I am! Who will deliver me from this mortal body?” Rom 7:24
- **SLIDE 98** *“Of all sinners, I am the worst!”* 1 Timothy 1:15
- **SLIDE 99** Paul affirms the struggles we all have
- **SLIDE 100** We battle sin and temptation in our lives.
  - Struggles are real, and for some they’re debilitating

- **SLIDE 101** Pope Francis:
  - *“The repentant sinner, who sins again and again because of his weakness, will find forgiveness if he acknowledges his need for mercy.”*
  - *“The medicine is there, the healing is there-----if only we take a small step towards God or even if we just desire to take that step. To be effective in evangelization we must remove our masks, how are we doing?”*
  
- **NO SLIDE** The World today
  - Declining church attendance
  - I’m okay
  - You’re okay
  - No Sin...not broken....no need to be saved
  - No need for Jesus or Church
  
- **NO SLIDE** Ask God to reveal all of your brokenness
  - Through
    - Prayer
    - Retreats
    - Time for quiet discernment
    - spiritual direction
    - fasting



- **SLIDE 102** To be effective in evangelization we must remove our masks.
  - **Bullet** How are you doing?

## MY WITNESS SLIDE 103

- As a result of Fr. Nick and the book UNBOUND I went on a 8 day silent retreat in November of 2011
- God called me to confront my brokenness
- **SLIDE 104:** Wounded by the world (Stuff happens)
- **SLIDE 105** Being molested age 12
- **NO SLIDE** Forgiveness **POINT TO CRUCIFIX**
  - I forgave the priest, hope he is in Heaven
  - I never considered leaving church. God forgive all sin!
- **SLIDE 106** Side Two: **Broken by Sin**
- **SLIDE 107** Lust, unchaste behavior
  - Psychologist say it was the result of being molested
  - Victims often blame themselves
  - I take ownership
  - These things clouded my relationship with God
- **SLIDE 108** Side bar conversation **I have been ask to include**
- **SLIDE 109** *Pornography today is a structure of sin. While rooted in the personal sins of individuals, pornography is so pervasive in society that it is difficult to avoid and challenging to remove.”* **USCCB Create In Me A Clean Heart 2015**
- **SLIDE 110** Porn Addiction USCCB
  - **Bullet** 80% of men look at porn at least once a month
  - **Bullet** 60% once a week
  - **Bullet** Over 50% of Christian clergy look at porn
  - **Bullet** Woman are the fastest growing group of addiction

- **SLIDE 111** Homosexuality/SSA
  - **Bullet** Jump In
  - **Bullet** Fight against it
  - **Bullet** Accept it but live according to God's word and the teachings of the church
- **SLIDE 112** Catechism 2357-2359
  - **Bullet** The psychological genesis of homosexuality remains largely unexplained.
  - **Bullet** Homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered
  - **Bullet** The number of men and women who have deep-seated homosexual tendencies is not negligible.
- **SLIDE 113** Catechism 2357-2359
  - **Bullet** They do not choose their homosexual condition;
  - **Bullet** It is a trial.
  - **Bullet** They must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity.
  - **Bullet** Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided.
- **SLIDE 114** CHASTITY
  - Both heterosexual and homosexual people are called to chastity.
  - Chastity means the successful integration of sexuality within the person and thus the inner unity of man in his bodily and spiritual being. (2337)
  - The virtue of chastity therefore involves the integrity of the person as it relates to the gift of sexuality

- **SLIDE 115** Shame kept me silent
  - How could I tell my buddies
  - I thought I was the only one with these type of sins
- **SLIDE 116** I didn't know? 1 of 6 boys, 1 of 4 girls
- **SLIDE 117 THIS PICTURE SUMS UP MY FEELINGS**
  - What if I tell someone I was abused
    - Judge me?
    - Believe me?
    - See me as less of a man
    - Add to my sense of shame
    - Question my sexuality
    - Think I will abuse
    - listen
- **SLIDE 118** So in the end, silence kept me captive and chained to my sin
  - Grouping from 1988 to 2011 **23 years**
- **SLIDE 119 Amen, amen I say to you:** This is not about my purple paper
- **SLIDE 120** What matters is **WHAT'S ON YOUR PURPLE PAPER**
- **SLIDE 121** Other forms of brokenness
  - **Bullet** Anger
  - **Bullet** Control
  - **Bullet** Envy
  - **Bullet** Lying
  - **Bullet** Inability to forgive
  - **Bullet** Pride
  - **Bullet** Something else

- **SLIDE 122** So I ask you again, *does anyone else know your brokenness?*

**SLIDE 123** After an encounter with **Christ** we are called

- Since 2011 with God's grace
- I began 4thdayletters.com
- I wrote the Parable of the Broken Door
- Led to the Founding of Broken Door Ministry
- The Broken Door
  - Joe Galloway
  - You can buy a book I will be happy to sign it.
- **NO SLIDE** Not everyone is called to go start a ministry, but you will be called to something. It may just mean being a better spouse, parent, neighbor, or friend.
- **NO SLIDE** I want to spend the rest of my life helping other people remove their masks and discover the joy and freedom of Jesus Christ.

- **SLIDE 124** NOT EVERYONE IS AS BROKEN AS ME!
  - What is your brokenness?
  - How have you been wounded
- **SLIDE 125** WHY ARE WE SCARED
  - **BULLET** Humiliation, embarrassment, fear and shame work to keep us behind our masks
  - **BULLET** But we all need to be sincere (without wax) and transparent
  - **BULLET** We can't let fear and shame stop us:
  - **BULLET** Matthew Kelly:
    - “get over yourself your sins are just not that original”
  - **BULLET** George Carlin's 7 dirty words that can't say on television?
  - Do we have our own list of “dirty sins” that we can't admit?
  - **BULLET** A scared Christian is an ineffective evangelizer.
- **SLIDE 126** What is GOOD NEWS especially during Advent?
  - GOOD NEWS; is this we are broken, but Jesus loves broken people.
  - The world is starving for this news

- **NO SLIDE** We're all Broken, Wounded and SCARED!  
**Big Amen**
- **NO SLIDE** Other people's stories (Brian I am going to tell you)
  - Girlfriends abortion: Tommy's story
  - Man in Maggie Valley who was profoundly lonely
- **SLIDE 127 Song: TRUTH BE TOLD By Matthew West**
- **SLIDES 128-146 Song Lyrics**
- **WOW....That's enough heavy stuff for now**
- **SLIDE 72 Discussion Questions**
  - Why did the world need a savior?
  - Why are mercy and forgiveness two of God's greatest blessings?
  - Do you agree that ALL PEOPLE are either Broken by Sin or Wounded by the World?
  - What keeps us chained to our recurring sins?
  - Why are we so afraid to discuss our broken and wounded condition with others?
- **LUNCH**

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