

SCARED

- MASK ON
 - If I wore a mask, could you take me seriously?
 - Can anyone take you seriously
 - This talk was about the masks we wear to hide our brokenness from others.
- Does anyone in the world, other than you; know what's on your purple paper? **Why not?**
- SCARED
 - (C) CHAGRIN Humiliation, embarrassment, sorrow.
- If we want to live honestly we need to have a transparent personality.
- If Jesus came to save the lost and broken why do we want to pretend we are not broken? Luke 19:10
- 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.
- Three Types of Masks
- **Mask One:** Hiding ourselves from others
 - **SONG Stained Glass Masquerade Casting Crowns**
 - Am I the only one in church feeling so small
 - We get walled in by pride and shame
 - What would my friends think if they knew what I struggled with?
 - We must overcome pride and shame by being vulnerable
 - We must be **sincere**
 - Sincere is defined as honest, pure and true
 - To be sincere means to be **without wax**

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- **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 asked 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.”***
 - Halo Story
 - Are you wearing so much makeup that you don’t even know the real you?
- **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?
 - **THE PURPLE PAPER MASK**
 - Maybe Satan has you right where he wants you, focused on the **wrong thing?**
 - Are there more serious sins?
 - 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.
- **Yellow paper exercise**
 - 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."
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- Why Hide? We need to admit that **WE ALL NEED TO BE SAVED**
- We cannot save ourselves

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- “Miserable one that I am! Who will deliver me from this mortal body?” Rom 7:24
- “Of all sinners, I am the worst!” 1 Timothy 1:15
 - Paul affirms the struggles we all have. We battle sin and temptation in our lives. Struggles are real, and for some they’re debilitating
- 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?”*
- Ask God to reveal all of your brokenness
 - Through
 - Prayer
 - Retreats
 - Time for quiet discernment
 - spiritual direction
 - fasting
- To be effective in evangelization we must remove our masks.
 - How are you doing?

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MY WITNESS

- 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:
- ***“Brian, if you want to be healed, you have to tell someone you are broken.”***
 - I was both wounded by the world, and I had recurring sin in my life.
 - These things clouded my relationship with God
- Silence kept me captive and chained to my sin
- What matters is **WHAT’S ON YOUR PURPLE PAPER**
- ***Does anyone else know your brokenness?***
- After an encounter with **Christ** we are called
- What is your brokenness?
- How have you been wounded
- WHY ARE WE SCARED
 - Humiliation, embarrassment, fear and shame work to keep us behind our masks
 - But we all need to be transparent
 - We can’t let fear and shame stop us:
 - Matthew Kelly:
 - “get over yourself your sins are just not that original”
 - 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?
 - A scared Christian is an ineffective evangelizer.
- GOOD NEWS; is this we are broken, but Jesus loves broken people.
 - The world is starving for this news
- We’re all Broken, Wounded and SCARED!
- **Song: TRUTH BE TOLD by Matthew West**

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