



**DAY 37**



## IMPOSTOR SYNDROME

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**When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, Are by no means least among the leaders of Judah; For out of you shall come forth a Ruler Who will shepherd my people Israel.’”**

**Matthew 2:3-6**

Impostor Syndrome; ever heard of it? It's when someone in authority or the spotlight either feels inadequate to the task. Most leaders I have ever met feel this at some point in their careers. Always wanting to be more for the people you serve is a common theme among them. Herod the Great, however, was not motivated by a desire to serve better. He was truly an impostor. A non-Jew appointed by Rome to govern Judea. Hearing that a child was born to rule as king was a threat to everything he craved...power.

Even as a baby Jesus held authority. His presence began to shape and change political landscapes. The magi were leaders, too, but their motivation was different. They quickly recognized

this child was worthy of honor. Each of us that suffer from impostor syndrome have a choice to make; submit and surrender, or lie and devalue those we feel threaten us.

Has God placed you in a position that you feel less than qualified for?

If you truly recognize God's hand in that placement, how can you release that fear, and let him shine through your inadequacies?

*Dear Jesus, you are supreme and your name is above all others. We are unworthy to be seen and known by you, but we have such gratitude that you have called us by our names. By your indwelling Spirit you equip us for the task to which we have been called. Help us to trust you to continue to go before wherever you lead. Amen*

