Why Would We Be Afraid?

Opening:
SLIDE: Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. – Marianne Williamson on A Course in Miracles

Why Would We Be Afraid?

Why Would We Be Afraid that we are Powerful Beyond Measure?

Year 2000
• 22
• pregnant
• volatile and violent relationship
• working at J.P. Morgan Chase
• Rosebud for lunch w/mom
  o “Honey, you can be the CEO of this company if you want to!”

How many times have you dipped into identifying yourself with a circumstance or condition...

SLIDE: Even when the condition is critical, when the livin is miserable, Your position is pivotal – Talib Kweli

Objectives:
• Wake Up To Our Divinity – GOD IS
• Stimulate Our Faith: Prayer and Meditation – I AM
• Lay Down Our Fear – entangled in condition
• Be crazy!

SLIDE: ‘Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us.’ We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. You’re playing small does not serve the
world. There’s nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won’t feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It’s not just in some of us; it’s in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we’re liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others. – A Return to Love by Marianne Williamson

Why Would We Be Afraid?
Why Would We Be Afraid that we are Powerful Beyond Measure?
We Are Powerful Beyond Measure!

TRANSITION: Perhaps it is that if we release the idea that there is something outside of us ultimately responsible for our lives then WE would have to be responsible for our lives.

• No longer able to provide reasons, excuses etc.
• Do we know who we are without our limitations, our challenges, our struggles?

Points:
• I am the Living God. I am THAT I am.
  o Oneness: Sunbeams are to Sun as Waves are to Ocean as I am to God
  o SLIDE: Now the word of the Lord (the great Law of Life) came to me saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” But the Lord (Law of Life) said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be
afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.” Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord (Law of Life) said to me “Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant. – Jeremiah 1: 4-10 NRSV

- SLIDE: Our belief sets the limit to our demonstration of a principle which Itself is without limit. – Ernest Holmes

- Fear = False Evidence Appearing Real
  - SLIDE: Love is what we were born with. Fear is what we have learned here. The spiritual journey is the relinquishment – or unlearning – of fear and the acceptance of love back into our hearts. Love is the essential existential fact. – A Return to Love by Marianne Williamson

- Contemplate Powerful Beyond Measure
  - SLIDE: Enlightenment is but a recognition, not a change at all. – A Course in Miracles

**Summary:**
- Open to the creative vortex of the Universe, allow yourself to be used by the Holy Spirit – the whole Spirit of Life
  - SLIDE: A ship is safe in harbor, but that's not what ships are for. – William G.T. Shedd

**Closing:**
- WE ARE A COMMUNITY THAT THINKS DIFFERENT. Hallelujah!
  - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OmqH1cWIMVY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OmqH1cWIMVY)