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The Story

Genesis 27:1-46

“The LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are trustworthy.”

Proverbs 12:22

“There are six things the Lord hates,
seven that are detestable to him:
17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue,
hands that shed innocent blood,
18 a heart that devises wicked schemes,
feet that are quick to rush into evil,
19 a false witness who pours out lies
and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.”

Proverbs 6:16-19

LYING

The reason I lie is because...

1. I have a _____ issue

I want to _____

- How people _____ about me
- How people _____ to me
- Situations for my _____ and _____

2. I have a _____ issue

To _____ a lie you've first got to
_____ a lie

The Lies We Buy...

1. I can control the _____ of the lies I tell
2. A _____ won't hurt _____

The Good News

_____ can make
_____ out of all of us

Memory Verse

“Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.”

Colossians 3:9-10

MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior
- Memorize Colossians 3:9-10
- Confess to God my lying ways
- Commit to speaking the truth and trusting God with the consequences
- Get the most out of this weekend's teaching by attending my Life Group this week



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Discussion Questions - Week #7

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend "Lying," in a sentence or two summarize the main point.

Looking at your notes, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Is there any practical step you plan on taking this week in response to the message?

GETTING STARTED

- In the message this weekend we saw what Jacob's mother Rebecca taught him about lying. What lessons did your parents teach you about lying as a kid?
- Can you think of a time when you were caught in a lie? What was the result?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. We all face the temptation to bend the truth, tell a half-truth or even the occasional little white lie. Before hearing the message this weekend, what was your attitude toward lying?

Do you think the people in your life consider you a truthful person?

Where would they say you tend to bend the truth?

Take a moment to read the following passages and give of a summary of the message contained: Psalm 5:5-6, Psalm 34:11-14, Proverbs 12:22 and John 8:44.

How do these passages compare with our cultures perspective on lying?

2. In the message this weekend Pastor Andrew taught that lying is a control issue. Read Acts 5:1-11. What were Ananias and Sapphira trying to control through their lie?

For what were Ananias and Sapphira punished?

Do you think God appears overly harsh in this passage? Why or why not?

How do you line up the punishment that Ananias and Sapphira received with what we believe about grace?

What lesson or lessons do you think we should learn and apply from this story?

3. While Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness, he certainly was not perfect. Read Genesis 20:1-18. What stands out to you most in this passage?

What was it that Abraham was worried about?

Why do you think Abraham failed to learn the lesson from doing essentially the same thing in Genesis 12:10-20?

What do you think it tells us about the sin of lying, that Isaac, Abraham's son tells the same lie in Genesis 26?

Why do you think God allowed Abraham to prosper despite his lying ways?

What could you do in your family to begin or continue a legacy of truthfulness?

TAKING IT HOME

⇒ What lesson from our Zip It sermon series do you need to keep in front of you and continue working on?

PRAYER REQUESTS