

Lesson 169: Waking With Jesus -Part 2

Scripture: Ezekiel 13:1-15, Numbers 23:19, Hebrews 6:18 and 2 Timothy 2:13, Ephesians 4:14-16, **Acts 5**, 1 John 1:9

Memory Verse: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. **Exodus 20:16**

*Start with the memory verse and define false witness

What is a lie?

Numbers 23:19: God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

It is a lie to say something that is not true. Therefore it is a lie to not say (hide) the truth.

It is also a lie to say you will do something, and then not do it OR to say you will not do something and then do it.

Who is God? Can he lie?

Hebrews 6:18 and 2 Timothy 2:13

God's character is perfect. It is impossible for him to lie. He cannot ever stop being God, he is always honest, loving and right because that is who he is.

Imagine your dad says he'll pick you up after school, you believe him because he's trustworthy. Then someone says, maybe he'll forget. You might say, that's not like my dad. You're implying his actions match his character.

God's actions ALWAYS match his character.

How do we know if something is true?

Ezekiel 13:1-5

The false prophets saw lying visions, likewise there are many convincing things we see or experience, from YouTube videos to things our friends say or do that seem totally fine. In reality, those things are actually wrong and will harm us. The ONLY way to know if something is TRUE is to test it against God's word. Like the prophets, we can be susceptible to believing lies because our hearts are deceitful. Satan tells us lies and we believe them, we must know the TRUTH which is GOD and SCRIPTURE to combat those lies.

What happens when we don't live in truth?

Ephesians 4:14-16 talks about being infants tossed around by the waves, unable to discern truth from lies. When we live in secrecy we live as children, never maturing. It says speaking the truth in love leads to spiritual maturity. We must know the truth and live it to become mature followers of Jesus.

What does it look like to live a lie?

Acts 5 Ananias and Sapphira

"Why have you let Satan fill your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit? Why is it that you conceived this deed in your heart?" ... Ananias may have been desiring to make himself look better (by saying he donated all the money his property sold for), he told himself that it was not a big deal, that it wasn't hurting anyone and that there would not be consequences because no one would know... the bible says (Romans 6:23) the consequences of

sin is death. Even if no one found out, Ananias would be harboring a secret that would make him feel bad about himself, others would think he was honorable and honest, but he would know that he was not and it would provide Satan a foothold to pull him further from God. He would be living a life of death, because of the separation from God he would experience as a result of the lie he was keeping. To be brought back into the fold of God and experience freedom from that secret he was keeping, he would have to tell the truth. That means to confess his sins.

1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Is a secret a lie?

Good Secrets vs Bad Secrets

A good secret is meant to be shared, it makes you excited to tell the truth/ for the reveal. Like a birthday gift being unwrapped.

A bad secret is a lie that is not meant to be shared, it makes your tummy feel squirmy inside and it can be hard to share. (When our tummy feels squirmy, it means something is wrong)

When we keep bad secrets, our hearts become sad and drift away from God, it is important to share bad secrets with trusted grown ups. Telling bad secrets to trusted grown ups is the only way to take away the icky feeling in your tummy.