



Part 1
The Lie: God Can't Be Trusted
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The Identity of the Liar

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. – *John 8:44*

The Tools of the Liar's Trade

- **Temptation** (*Mark 1:13*)
- **Accusation** (*Revelation 12:10*)
- **Condemnation** (*Zechariah 3:1*)
- **Influence** (*John 13:2*)
- **Devastation** (*John 10:10*)
- **Deceit** (*Genesis 3:1-7*)

The Oldest Lie in the Book: You can't trust God.

The Anatomy of a Lie

- **Doubt God's Word** – "Did God really say...?"
- **Deny God's Word** – "You will not surely die,"
- **Disobey God's Word** – "...she took some of it and ate it."

Same Lie, Different Story (*Matthew 4:1-10*)

- You can't trust God to **provide** (*Matthew 4:1-4*)
- You can't trust God to **save you** (*Matthew 4:5-7*)
- You can't trust God to be enough (*Matthew 4:8-10*)

Three areas where we struggle to trust God and buy the lie:

1. **Identity** – I don't trust who God says I am
2. **Finances** – I don't trust God's plan
3. **Relationships** – I don't trust God to fix my relationships

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The Triumph of the Truth

They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. – *Revelation 12:11*

The Identity of the Truth

[Jesus said to them,] “Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don’t you believe me? He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.” – *John 8:45-47*

The truth for today: You can trust God.

...if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”

– *Romans 10:9-11*

Next Steps

- *The Truth Project* (Sunday Mornings, 10:00 AM at the Bellingham campus)
- *Me, Myself and Lies for women* (Wednesday mornings, 10 AM – Noon)
- *Baptism* (November 7 & 8 during weekend services)

On Your Way Home

What spiritual lessons can you learn from spiders?

Small Group Discussion Questions



- 1) Do you have a phobia? Spiders, snakes, cats? If you don't have a phobia, is there something you strongly dislike?
- 2) Have you ever been lied to? What happened in your heart when you learned you had been deceived?
- 3) Which of the “tools of the trade” listed above has Satan used to try and make you believe a lie about God or yourself? What scripture helped you to stand up against that attack?
- 4) Read the passage from Matthew 4. What can you learn from how Jesus handled the lies of the enemy?
- 5) Read aloud Revelation 12:10-11. What is a powerful weapon in the hand of someone who is standing against the accusation of the enemy? How can you testify to the trustworthiness of God tonight?
- 6) How can we pray for you?