

Message Notes

Part 4: Liar Liar

Genesis 12:10-20

→ "I lie more than I realize"

#1 To lie is to _____ the truth for your _____.

→ a new world with new worries - **vs. 10-13**

#2 You lie when the truth is _____.

→ one lie away from living a lie - **vs. 14-16**

#3 Maintaining a lie requires _____.

→ what?! why?! why?! - **vs. 17-20**

#4 Lies erode _____.

→ what God thinks of liars (Prov 12:22, John 8)

→ when the truth is "problematic"

#5 _____ and _____ will set you free.

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1. A research study from 2010 revealed that people will lie about two-thirds of the time when they determine that the truth is problematic. Does this surprise you or not? Why?
2. Do you agree with the definition of *lie* that was used for this message?

How would you differentiate "good" lying from "bad" lying?
3. **Read Genesis 12:10-13.** What events or thoughts led Abram to a place where he could see lying as his best option?

What are some other things that prompt people to lie?
4. **Read Genesis 12:14-16.** Lies promise to give you what you want, but they deliver less of what is really important. What was Abram "getting" because of his lie? What was he missing out on?
5. Abram was self-imprisoned, living in a lie that was of his own doing. Have you ever felt similarly?
6. **Read John 1:1-14.** When Abram entered a land that was not his own, he did so full of deceitfulness and selfishness because his life was at stake. How does Jesus' story contrast that, and what does that mean for you?
7. You will be tempted to lie because you view the truth as problematic. How can dwelling on God's promises change your view of the truth?