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Contact: Scott Carpenter
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Week of October 22, 2017

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*Last week we discussed when God is rejected in an individual's life, the life of a church and even from society's consciousness, a vacuum is created and quickly filled. There are intended and unintended consequences for these decisions. We can lie to ourselves, the world can lie to us, and the devil will tell us lies, to entice us **to doubt and reject God.** We have looked at God and His character. Now, let's look at those who tell lies and examine their character.*

- I. Are you trustworthy? Have you ever lied to yourself or to others? Are you even capable to not lie? Read [Ecclesiastes 7:20](#), [Romans 7:14-20](#), [1 John 1:8-10](#), [Galatians 3:22](#) in the New Living Translations states it this way: "But the Scriptures declare that we are all prisoners of sin, so we receive God's promise of freedom only by believing in Jesus Christ."

Read [John 8: 39-47](#): Jesus discusses with the Jews who their father is. They are not children of Abraham simply because of their ancestry. To be a child of Abraham they would believe God as he did. They would not seek to kill Jesus. Nor are they Children of God as they claim to be but rather their behavior, intent of their hearts, betray their words. Jesus makes an interesting statement in verses 34-36. The invitation He makes is that if they or even if we recognize our sin He can set us free. He sets us free from the penalty but also the enslavement to sin. How is this true in your lives? Can you give any examples? Is there any doubts you currently wrestle with that you need freedom from.

- II. Lies of the world: Who is the ruler of this world? Read [John 12:30-32](#). What is Jesus drawing out of and who is He drawing them to? Read about the "god of this age" ([2 Corinthians 4:4](#)). Read and discuss about the "tempter" ([1 Thessalonian 3:5](#)). Continue with "deceiver" ([Revelation 12:9](#)), "Beelzebub" (literally, "lord of the flies," the ruler of demons, in [Matthew 10:25](#)). Where do flies lay their eggs? Look at the title "Belial," meaning "wicked" ([2 Corinthians 6:15](#)).

•*No one would be drawn to such a way of life if it was obvious. Satan, we are told, comes as an angel of light (enlightenment). Read [2 Cor. 11:13-15](#); [Gen. 3:1-4](#).*

Knowing God, recognizing our enemy, knowing ourselves and being aware of our surroundings is always wise. James tells us we will suffer at times and be tempted but temptation does not come from God. Read [James 1:1-15](#). Close in prayer, asking God for wisdom and rejoicing in all that we go through.



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