



Digging Deeper

Putting your faith in ACTION!

This morning let's not be just 'hearers' of the Word, but 'doers of the word. Take some time at lunch, dinner, or bedtime to DIG DEEPER into the today's lesson and story. Take a few moments to apply today's lesson to our lives.

ASK MYSELF...challenging questions for the heart:

1. When you think about Fake News (lies) that the enemy might want to sell you on a regular basis, what things come to mind? Are there things you believe, want, or feel that cause you to be susceptible to this Fake News?
2. How important does knowing (and even memorizing) God's Word become to you in the fight to overcome Fake News? What steps can you take this week to grow in your knowledge of the Word?
3. How can you take on the role of truth-bringer this week to a friend or loved one who has taken the Fake News bait? How could you pray for them today?

FOR THE FAMILY...challenging questions for family life:

1. Discuss the truth that the devil is the enemy of God and the source of all lies and deception in the world.
2. Kids especially can get caught up in lying (and there are many reasons for this). What lessons of 'walking in truth' can you derive from the scriptures and points from today's message?
3. Take some time to pray together as a family.

FAKE NEWS

You can't always believe what you hear.

Today's Service

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Series: Fake News

Part 1: Liar, Liar Pants on Fire!

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People are most likely to buy into a lie when it closely aligns to what they already _____, _____, or _____.

John 8:44 (NLT) ⁴⁴For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Satan lies, and is the _____ of lies.

(Genesis 3:1-6a & Revelation 12:7-9)

He _____ the minds of unbelievers.

2 Corinthians 4:4 (NLT) ⁴Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

He _____ in costumes of light and righteousness.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 (NLT) ¹³These people are false apostles. They are deceitful workers who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ. ¹⁴But I am not surprised! Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. ¹⁵So it is no wonder that his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. In the end they will get the punishment their wicked deeds deserve.

(See also 1 Timothy 4:1, Matthew 7:15, Acts 20:30, and Matthew 24:24)

He _____ Christians before God. (Revelation 12:10)

1 Peter 5:8 (NLT) ⁸Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

Satan's Goal for the Believer:

1. He wants you _____.
2. He wants you _____.

3. He wants us to _____ before we start.

4. He wants us to falter and _____.

5. He wants us to _____ away from the truth.

6. He wants us to feel _____.

7. He wants to break the heart of the Father by _____ US.

Philippians 1:9 (ESV) ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment,

2 Corinthians 2:11 (NLT) ¹¹so that Satan will not outsmart us. For we are familiar with his evil schemes.

James 4:7 (NLT) ⁷So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Ephesians 6:11 (NLT) ¹¹Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.

Revelation 12:11 (NLT) ¹¹And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony. And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die.

- There is someone we can _____ every day and in every way.
- Satan will not _____.

1 John 3:8 (NLT) ⁸But when people keep on sinning, it shows that they belong to the devil, who has been sinning since the beginning. But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil.

Colossians 2:15 (NLT) ¹⁵In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

Revelation 20:10 (NLT) ¹⁰Then the devil, who had deceived them, was thrown into the fiery lake of burning sulfur, joining the beast and the false prophet. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

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