

**Unseen
Fighting the Battles You Can't See
Lies We Believe
Discover Church
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“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” Ephesians 6:12

The cousin of fear is lies

Lie = An intentionally untrue statement or act, including deception, misleading, or a false promise, with the intent to deceive

Truths About Lies

- **Intent to Deceive**
- **Opposite of God's Character**

“God, who does not lie” Titus 1:2

- **The Devil is the Source**
- **A Serious Sin**
- **A Commandment**

“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.” Exodus 20:16

- **Opposite of Truthful Living**

“Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.” Ephesians 4:25.

Overcome The Lies We Believe

1. The devil is a **liar**

“Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you

will die.” “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” Genesis 3:1-5

“You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. 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

Who are you going to trust more, God or something else?

2. Lies can shape your life

- Lies about God
- Lies about yourself
- Lies about others

“Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn’t it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn’t the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God.” When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened.” Acts 5:3-5

“About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter asked her, “Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?” “Yes,” she said, “that is the price.” Peter said to her, “How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also.” At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.” Acts 5:7-11

3. Learn to spot a lie

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:2

- Does it match Scripture?
- Does it lead me closer to God?

“Come near to God and he will come near to you.” James 4:8

- Does it produce peace or despair?

*“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.”
Romans 8:1-2*

**No God, No Peace
Know God, Know Peace**

4. Choose to **Fight Back**

- Identify the **Lie**
- **Replace** it with Truth
- **Repeat** the Truth Until You **Believe** It

The truth doesn't just set you free, it keeps you free.

In Christ, I am a Saint, who is redeemed by Jesus, adopted by the Father, and sealed by the Holy Spirit.

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Scripture: *Ephesians 6:12; Titus 1:2; Exodus 20:16; Ephesians 4:25; Genesis 3:1-5; John 8:44; Acts 5:3-11; Romans 12:2; James 4:8; Romans 8:1-2*