



PART 1: THE TRUTH ABOUT LIES

INTRODUCTION

As we start a brand new year it's exciting, but there's also something that feels unsettling. There's a tension going on inside of us that's emotionally and spiritually exhausting. Every day can feel like a battle to stay faithful to God, because we *are* in a battle. There is a war going on...it's a war on lies. It's not so much that we *tell* lies, but that we *live* them. But God gives us a strategy to recognize and resist the enemy and experience victory every day!

KEY SCRIPTURE

1 Timothy 6:12
Ephesians 6:12-13
1 Timothy 1:18

2 Corinthians 10:4
John 8:41-45
John 8:31-34

Revelation 12:9
John 10:10

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do you think about when you think about the devil?
2. How do you respond to the idea that there is ultimate truth? How do you personally filter truth from non-truth?
3. Read John 8:31. Pastor Will emphasized the importance of "holding onto" Jesus' teaching. Have you considered the importance of holding onto Jesus' teaching? How can you intentionally hold onto his teaching every day?
4. Pastor Will pointed out that Jesus teaches 3 realities about the devil in John 8:42-45...There is a devil, the devil is a murderer, and the devil is the father of lies. How have you personally experience the reality of the devil's intent to deceive you or to destroy (murder) relationships?
5. In what part of your life are you currently a slave to the lies of the devil? Or where are you most susceptible to becoming a slave to the lies of the devil?
6. What truth from Jesus can you replace those lies with this?

MOVING FORWARD

Application Prayer: Father, reveal to me where I have been blinded by the devil's deceptions. May I learn to recognize and resist his lies by replacing them with your truth.