

Just a Little Lie

Sermon Series: *Snapped! When good people snap.*

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BEYOND THE HALL OF FAITH:

Abraham's Story

Hebrews 11:8-19/ Genesis 12:1- 25:11/ James 2:23

A HEART TO HEART CONVERSATION:

The Truth About Deception

- ❶ A truth designed to deceive is still a lie.
- ❷ A little lie can have big consequences.
- ❸ Do trust that God is in control of your future.
- ❹ Don't put yourself in compromising situations.
- ❺ Learn when to shut up!

TWO EXTREMES TO AVOID:

James 2:25, Joshua 2:1-7 & Exodus 1:15-21

- ❶ Don't wreck the birthday party!
- ❷ Sometimes a lie is justified.

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REALife Application

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- Other

2. This week we heard about the "High Price of a Little Lie." The early church is intently reminded of this truth in the midst of its rapid growth in Acts 4:32-5:11. As you read the story what surprises you?

The consequence handed down by God for their deception of "making things look better than they seem" would seem to many, to be over the top. Can you think of any reason why it was so important for the early church to understand this? How about us?

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Which one do you think most people don't realize?

Which one is most important for you to remember?

4. Whether it was intentional or not, most of us have wrestled with truth telling at some point in our lives. Fortunately, because of God's grace, we have the opportunity to re-establish our trustworthiness. What might be some of the benefits of being a person of dependability and putting Proverbs 6:2-3 into action? What are the potential risks?

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