

## Is It True

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1. When we lie, we don't realize the affect it will have on our family.
2. Lies by nature are destructive.
3. Lies by nature are many times self-centered.
4. Jesus offers us hope and strength when we struggle to tell the truth.

### Small Group Discussions Questions

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3. Looking at the scriptures, what damage was caused by not telling the truth?
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Scripture Reading

Psalm 19:14 (NIV84)

<sup>14</sup> May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be pleasing in your sight,  
O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Ephesians 4:29 (NIV84)

<sup>29</sup> Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

James 3:9 (NIV84)

<sup>9</sup> With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness.

Luke 6:45 (NIV84)

<sup>45</sup> The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.

Philippians 4:8 (NIV84)

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

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Genesis 12:11–13 (NIV84)

<sup>11</sup> As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, “I know what a beautiful woman you are. <sup>12</sup> When the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife.’ Then they will kill me but will let you live. <sup>13</sup> Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you.”

Genesis 20:1–2 (NIV84)

Now Abraham moved on from there into the region of the Negev and lived between Kadesh and Shur. For a while he stayed in Gerar, <sup>2</sup> and there Abraham said of his wife Sarah, “She is my sister.” Then Abimelech king of Gerar sent for Sarah and took her.

Genesis 26:6–9 (NIV84)

<sup>6</sup> So Isaac stayed in Gerar.

<sup>7</sup> When the men of that place asked him about his wife, he said, “She is my sister,” because he was afraid to say, “She is my wife.” He thought, “The men of this place might kill me on account of Rebekah, because she is beautiful.”

<sup>8</sup> When Isaac had been there a long time, Abimelech king of the Philistines looked down from a window and saw Isaac caressing his wife Rebekah. <sup>9</sup> So Abimelech summoned Isaac and said, “She is really your wife! Why did you say, ‘She is my sister?’”

Isaac answered him, “Because I thought I might lose my life on account of her.”

Genesis 27:22–24 (NIV84)

<sup>22</sup> Jacob went close to his father Isaac, who touched him and said, “The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau.” <sup>23</sup> He did not recognize him, for his hands were hairy like those of his brother Esau; so he blessed him. <sup>24</sup> “Are you really my son Esau?” he asked.

“I am,” he replied.

Genesis 29:14–19 (NIV84)

<sup>14</sup> Then Laban said to him, “You are my own flesh and blood.”

After Jacob had stayed with him for a whole month, <sup>15</sup> Laban said to him, “Just because you are a relative of mine, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be.”

<sup>16</sup> Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. <sup>17</sup> Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel was lovely in form, and beautiful. <sup>18</sup> Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, “I’ll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel.”

<sup>19</sup> Laban said, “It’s better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me.”

Genesis 37:31–35 (NIV84)

<sup>31</sup> Then they got Joseph’s robe, slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. <sup>32</sup> They took the ornamented robe back to their father and said, “We found this. Examine it to see whether it is your son’s robe.”

<sup>33</sup> He recognized it and said, “It is my son’s robe! Some ferocious animal has devoured him. Joseph has surely been torn to pieces.”

<sup>34</sup> Then Jacob tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and mourned for his son many days. <sup>35</sup> All his sons and daughters came to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. “No,” he said, “in mourning will I go down to the grave to my son.” So his father wept for him.

Luke 6:45 (NIV84)

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2 Samuel 15:2–6 (NIV84)

<sup>2</sup> He would get up early and stand by the side of the road leading to the city gate. Whenever anyone came with a complaint to be placed before the king for a decision, Absalom would call out to him, “What town are you from?” He would answer, “Your servant is from one of the tribes of Israel.” <sup>3</sup> Then Absalom would say to him, “Look,

your claims are valid and proper, but there is no representative of the king to hear you.”

<sup>4</sup> And Absalom would add, “If only I were appointed judge in the land! Then everyone who has a complaint or case could come to me and I would see that he gets justice.”

<sup>5</sup> Also, whenever anyone approached him to bow down before him, Absalom would reach out his hand, take hold of him and kiss him. <sup>6</sup> Absalom behaved in this way toward all the Israelites who came to the king asking for justice, and so he stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV84)

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Galatians 2:20 (NIV84)

<sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Philippians 4:13 (NIV84)

<sup>13</sup> I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

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