

DESENSITIZED TO LIES



I used to get upset when a politician lied.

Can't people see? How does he get away with it?

But now I say to myself, *"As long as he keeps the economy going and pushes our agenda, let him lie his way to victory. The main thing is results."*

After all, lies are just part of life here in the real world.

Hold on!

Not so fast!

Yes, we're living in the real world.

But the minute we choose to be part of God's world...

...lies become toxic.

Speaking the truth, living the truth is not an option;

It's a command!

Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice."

John 18



If we hear his voice....

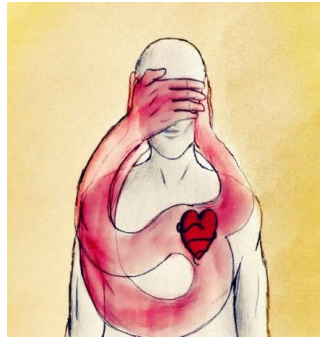
We watch what comes out of our mouth.

We are wary of people who twist the truth and deceive.

We never forget where lies come from.

Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But, because I tell the truth, you do not believe me.

John 8:43-45



Jesus lived in the same “real world” we’re living in.

He moved easily among tax collectors and sinners and prostitutes.

He connected with people where they were, as they were.

But Jesus never compromised the truth.

He never made deals with the Lie to accomplish his ends.

Neither do we, if we belong to him.



Prayer: Lord, Father of truth, we cannot desensitize ourselves to lies and radiate with your light. Make lies toxic to us... because you have no part in lies and they separate us from you. Open our eyes to the darkness we choose when we sweep lies under the rug, when we compromise with the deceiver to justify the ends we desire, even righteous ends. Forgive us for turning away from you, for not trusting you. We want to continue to belong to you. Help us to recognize your voice calling us back from the liar who with his lies pours chaos, retaliation, mercilessness, and malice into our hearts. Help us to trust in your truth, to radiate with your light, to experience your peace, and to carry your mercy to the broken once again. Amen.

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