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Fresh Start

IN 2021

MAKING THE MOST OF NOW

○ **JOHN 8:31-32**

1. WHAT IF WE BEGAN THE NEW YEAR BY LOOKING AT THE **LIES** WE “**ABIDE IN**”?

- JN. 8:31-32 SO JESUS SAID TO THE JEWS WHO HAD BELIEVED HIM, "IF YOU **ABIDE IN MY WORD**, YOU ARE TRULY MY DISCIPLES, ³² AND YOU WILL KNOW THE **TRUTH**, AND THE TRUTH WILL **SET YOU FREE.**" (ESV)

2. OUR STRUGGLE - WE ARE NOT “OBJECTIVE” TO OURSELVES.

- Ps. 139:23-24 SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW MY HEART! **TRY** ME AND **KNOW** MY **THOUGHTS!** ²⁴ AND **SEE IF THERE BE ANY GRIEVOUS** WAY IN ME, AND **LEAD ME** IN THE WAY EVERLASTING! (ESV)

EXAMPLES OF SOME LIES WE “**ABIDE IN**”:

1. I WILL NEVER OVERCOME _____. I DESERVE TO BE PUNISHED.
2. YOU DON'T KNOW THE MISTAKES I HAVE MADE. LIFE IS HOPELESS FOR ME.
3. I WILL FAIL. WHY TRY? TOO MUCH RISK.
4. IF I WEAR THE RIGHT CLOTHES ... PEOPLE WILL LIKE ME.

WHERE DO OUR LIES COME FROM?

1. PEOPLE OF INFLUENCE IN OUR LIVES
2. WHOEVER HAS THE SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST'S
“MICROPHONE.”
3. OUR OWN LIFE EVENTS.
4. SATAN – THE FATHER OF ALL LIES.

- JN. 8:44 "YOU ARE OF *YOUR* FATHER THE DEVIL, AND YOU WANT TO DO THE DESIRES OF YOUR FATHER. HE WAS A MURDERER FROM THE BEGINNING, AND **DOES NOT STAND IN THE TRUTH**, BECAUSE THERE IS **NO TRUTH IN HIM**. WHENEVER HE SPEAKS A LIE, HE SPEAKS FROM HIS OWN NATURE; FOR **HE IS A LIAR**, AND THE FATHER OF LIES. (NAS)

3. HOW CAN I “PUT A BUBBLE” IN MY LIES?

1. SURRENDER YOUR WILL TO THE SPIRIT’S PROBE.
(HINT – *FIND YOUR NEGATIVITY*. IT LEADS TO THE LIE.)
2. JUDGE MY LIE IN JESUS NAME.
3. *KILL THE LIE* BY REPLACING IT WITH THE TRUTH.
4. PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE.

APPLICATION

1. **“HOLY SPIRIT PLEASE REVEAL THE LIES THAT HAVE TAKEN UP A STRONGHOLD IN MY LIFE.”**
2. **UNDERTAKE A PERSONAL STUDY OF WHAT THE WORD OF GOD SAYS ABOUT MY LIE.**
3. **MEMORIZE THE PASSAGES OF TRUTH SO YOU CAN REPLACE YOUR LIES WITH TRUTH.**

APPLICATION

4. ASK A TRUSTED FRIEND TO HELP YOU IDENTIFY YOUR “BIAS BLIND SPOTS,” YOUR LIES.

RESOURCES FOR HELP ON THE LIES WE BELIEVE:

- *SEARCH FOR SIGNIFICANCE* – ROBERT MCGEE
- *THE LIES WE BELIEVE* – CHRIS THURMAN

