CREEKSIDE’S TEACHING NOTES for Sunday, April 10, 2016



iQuit . . . The Lying

“When in doubt, tell the truth.

It will confound your enemies and astound your friends.”

Mark Twain

“When a man really tells the truth,

the first truth he tells is that he himself is a liar.”

G K Chesterton

Lying takes place when a person communicates in such a way as to deliberately deceive another or others into believing something that isn’t true, accurate or a reflection of reality.

FIVE TYPES OF LYING

1. Cruel Lies . . . designed to hurt someone
2. Cowardly Lies . . . designed to escape consequences
3. Conceited Lies . . . designed to elevate self
4. Craving Lies . . . designed to get stuff
5. Convenient Lies . . . designed to avoid

WHY LYING IS A BIG DEAL TO GOD

1. It produces confusion, mistrust, doubts, resentment, insecurity etc.
2. It’s the Ninth Commandment You shall not give false testimony… Exodus 20:16
3. It is Number Two in Proverbs 6 where God listst the top seven things he hates.
4. It is included in lists of such sins as killing parents, adultery, murder, slave trading etc. 1 Timothy 1:9-10
5. It was punished by death in Acts 5.
6. It is the primary weapon Satan uses in his battle against us and God. When we lie we act like Satan.

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 8:44

SATAN LIES TO US IN THREE WAYS

1. TEMPTATION:

The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.

### Matthew 4:3

2. ACCUSATION:

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

Revelation 12:10

3. DECEPTION:

…Satan, the deceiver of the whole world…

Revelation 12:9

TWO REALITIES THAT IF EMBRACED WILL HELP US BREAK FREE FROM LYING

➊ LYING IS IDOLATRY. . .

An idol is whatever you look at and say in your heart of hearts, “If I have that then I’ll feel my life has meaning, then I’ll know my life has value, then I’ll feel significant and secure.” - Timothy Keller

Lying is idolatry in that I am the one who is worshipped when I lie. I lie to protect me, provide for me and elevate me.

When I lie I create my own reality.

In lying I trust me more than I trust God.

➋ LYING IS SLAVERY. . .

Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 8:31-32