

Thoughts from Pastor – A Sermon Companion

Over the next month or so we will be taking a close look at the lies we believe. Now your first thought will be “I don’t believe any lies!” But that probably isn’t true.

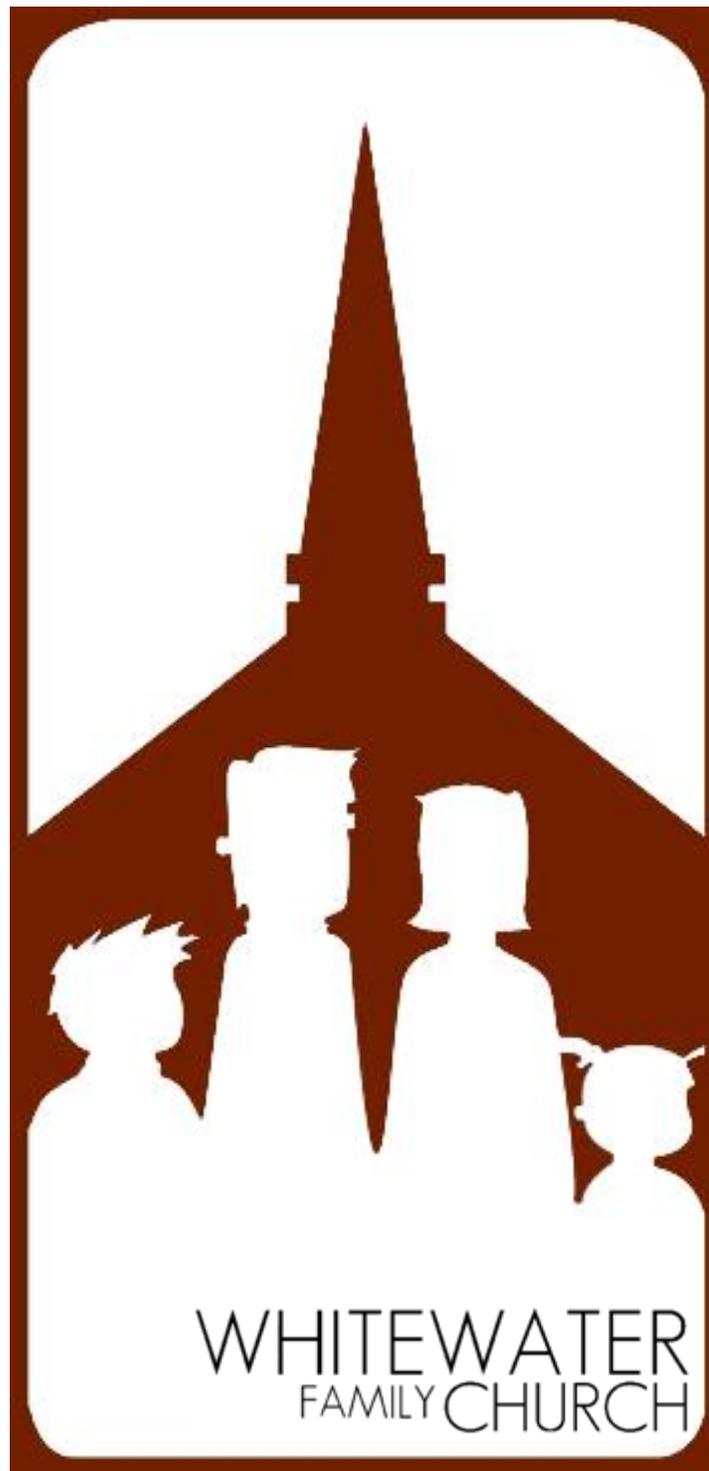
Often times we believe things that aren’t true but we have no way of knowing that we actually have subscribed to a lie. As most of us know we are heading into that season of politics again where everyone who wants to win is going to start telling us everything we want to hear. Some of it will be true and some of it a lie. Most people are going to walk away believing in a lie, hoping it’s true.

But it isn’t just politics. How about the things you purchase? Do you have a different dish soap in your home than your friends do? Why do you purchase the brand you do? There are probably a number of reasons you do – scent, feel, color ... but does it work better? Well one product out there surely works the best, but is it the one you use?

Now it is silly to argue something like dish soap because there is a lot of personal preference that goes into choosing which product is best for you. But if we’re talking about pure effectiveness ... that is something that can be measured.

So how do we measure God’s statements? That’s the real question here isn’t it? When we are looking at something in life that we must choose, how is that choice measured and weighed? How much of a role does personal preference play in the choice you make? Should it play a role at all? Personally I believe it does have “some” weight on many topics. However, things go from bad to worse pretty quickly when we start to insinuate that what we prefer has some say in what God has said.

I want to challenge you in the next few weeks to think about your life and whether it is guided by your preference or God’s Word.



Lies: Did God Really Say?

Genesis 3:1-7

The lie that led to the Fall of Mankind, wasn't so much a lie as it was a misleading question. Did God really say? If you were asked this question about commands that God has given you how would you answer? We all want to say "I would answer with what God actually said!", but the truth of it is when comes to a variety of topics I'm not so sure we would all answer as strongly as we would like to think. I mean what if you were asked about tithing? Or gossip? Worship? Church attendance? What we watch on TV or listen to on the radio? What did God say about these things? Does He say anything at all? Furthermore ... even if you know what God has said ... are you believing Him or are you listening to the lies you're being told?

- I. **Why do we continually BELIEVE the oldest lie in the book?**
- II. **The biggest problem with this lies, is that it often sounds like WISDOM.**
- III. **This lie does more than CONFUSE us, it questions the very Authority of God.**
- IV. **Once we begin to believe this lie we begin to set our own STANDARDS, and disregard God's.**
- V. **To defeat the lie, we must know and understand the SCRIPTURES**

Weekly Application: Examine some of the things you believe about Christianity and how God calls us to do things? Can you support them with Scripture?

Home-Group Thought: What are some lies you've believed?

Next Week: The Worst Kind of Lie



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Things we do Every Week

Sunday School 9:30am

Youth Group - 7:00 Wednesdays

Tuesday Workdays - At the Church 7:00pm

Dinners for 8 - Last Week to Sign Up

Your hosts should be contacting you shortly.

Sunday School - 10 Spiritual Diseases you Probably have as an American Christian!

We will be stating this powerful series NEXT week.

Home-Groups

Wednesday 6:30pm & Thursday 7:00pm

Home-Groups are designed to grow your faith, connect to your church family, and share the love of Christ with your community.

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