

# Maple Springs Baptist Church

## Series: My Big Fat Mouth

### Week 3: Lying

**Luke 6:45** Our words have the power of life & death.

How many of you have ever told a lie? Last 24 hours—Most are Lying. Studies show we lie 4x a day on average.

University of Massachusetts study found that 60% people cannot have a 10-min conversation without lying.

How do you think God feels about lying? **Proverbs 12:22**

"Detests": something disgusting; an abhorrence, an abomination; something that makes one nauseous.

### **Ephesians 4:17-25**

You may never be more like the devil than when you lie. **John 8:44**

Jesus is the Truth, truth sets us free.

The devil is a liar and he uses lies to take us out of the freedom of God's truth.

### **THE DEVIL'S PLAN**

#### **1. GET YOU TO LIE.**

Exaggerate a story, Partial truths. Leave out details.

Paint the story for our benefit.

#### **2. GET YOU TO LIE TO YOURSELF.**

You start rationalizing-Then you have to double down on lies. You Lie so often-You start to believe your own lies. Example: David

#### **3. GET YOU TO LIVE A LIE.**

To claim one thing but to be something entirely differing. Examples . . .

I'm afraid the devil has even deceived people into believing they are a Christian: **1 John 2:4**

Why do you lie? Different reasons.

**TRUTH: The Root Reason for Lying Is Because We Don't Completely Trust God.**

We Believe Our lies work better than the truth

- Lies will bring me security-Fear.

- Lie will get me more-Have less of what matters.
- Lie will help you like me-Relationship based on lies.

Lies bring bondage, truth brings freedom.

Satan wants us to tell a lie, to believe the lie, and ultimately live the lie.

Jesus wants us to walk in the truth, to experience the truth, and the truth will ultimately set us free.

### **GOD'S PLAN**

**Confess to God for FORGIVENESS and to People for HEALING.**

**1 John 1:9** -confess our sins, our lies to God

We confess Not for His sake-For you.

**James 5:16** -we confess & pray that we may be healed. We confess to each other for healing.

Not talking about a "partial" confession.

**TRUTH: 99% of the truth is 100% lie.**

What do you need to get honest about?