"Lies Women Shouldn't Believe" – Week 1 Nov. 4, 2016



Myths and Lies

Lie: a false statement with deliberate intent to deceive; an impostor, sometimes hard to because it is concealed so well.

Myth: a widely held but false belief or idea.

Prior to the Fall, there was unhindered openness, and unconditional love. All of that changed when sin entered the world and the curse fell upon us. This all happened as a result of a lie.

Satan (The Father of Lies) approached Eve and presented her with a lie, telling her that she needed something more than what God had already given her.

Today, our culture continues to lie to women about what they really need and who they really are. The only remedy to a lie is the truth.

Struggles - How We Cope

Most of us find our "own way" of coping with our problems. And when we come to Christ many of the old mindsets and behaviors have not been addressed.

You've got to become familiar and saturated with Truth...Jesus Himself said, I am the way, and the Truth, and the life' (John 14:6). He is the definition of Truth. He is the perfect standard; He determines what is right and good and true. Jesus reveals the Truth to us. He does this through the written Word of God – the Bible! In fact, 'the Word,' is actually one of Jesus' names (John 1:14). 1 Corinthians 10:13 says No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. Some of our struggles that we want so badly for God to remove, that we see as enemies to real life, may actually be the very things God will use to give us real life, real godliness, depth of maturity. That struggle may well be a gateway to a profound relationship with God and the ability to impact others.

Women and our Fathers

Some have a really hard time seeing God as a Heavenly Father by himself based on the relationship or lack of with their earthly father

How would you deal with the pain of your dad leaving and your husband doing the same thing?

Can you be healed from abandonment, rejection or abuse? Do you have a future? The truth is: God can heal the damage from the past and God can be trusted with my future

Error and Deception from the World

Secular: denoting attitudes, activities, or other things that have no religious or spiritual basis.

The world doesn't assess Christianity in the categories of *true* or *false*, but in the categories of *useful* or *harmful*. The world does not think of Christianity as divine *revelation* but as human *opinion*. The world does not believe that God must reveal our deepest need, and then provide the remedy in Jesus Christ. The world believes that we know our deepest needs and that religion can be respectable if it helps meet them.

The danger that Christians start to think this way is huge and deadly.

It is absolutely essential that we learn of and realize the love that our heavenly Father has for us. Without knowing the love of God for us, we cannot be filled with His fullness:

Ephesians 3:16-19 New Living Translation (NLT)

¹⁶ I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit.¹⁷ Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. ¹⁸ And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. ¹⁹ May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.