

THE TEN(DER) COMMANDMENTS

Part 9: “Tall Tales”

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Everyone lies. But just because everyone's doing it doesn't make it right. Abraham lies about his relationship to Sarah because of fear. He also tries to justify his lie by pointing out how it is partially true. We do many of the same things. Yet, because Christ is the truth (cf. John 14:6), we are called to be truthful.

“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.” – Exodus 20:16

Now Abraham moved on from there into the region of the Negev and lived between Kadesh and Shur. For a while he stayed in Gerar, and there Abraham said of his wife Sarah, “She is my sister.” Then Abimelech king of Gerar sent for Sarah and took her. – Genesis 20:1-2

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Notes:

My Next Step(s):

- I will examine my intentions or reasons for lying.
- I will not tell cruel, convenient or cowardly lies.
- I will tell the truth consistently... (Being 80% honest is not what God has in mind.)
- When the truth hurts, I will speak the truth - in love.
- I will tell the truth, hopeful that a solution can be worked out which is better than hiding behind lies.

Memory Verse: “Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.” – Ephesians 4:15

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