

## DANGEROUS PETS

(The Gospel According to Abraham- Part 7)  
February 17, 2019

**The Passage:** Genesis 20 (Genesis 12:10-20)

**Abraham's Pet Sin:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lying is more than just not telling the truth;  
It can be telling truth with the \_\_\_\_\_**

### The Necessity of the Gospel:

**We are more \_\_\_\_\_ than we ever dared imagine**

### The Growth of Abraham's "Pet":

**- Abraham tells \_\_\_\_\_ to a couple of \_\_\_\_\_**  
Genesis 12:10-20; 20:1-18

**- Abraham's son Isaac \_\_\_\_\_**  
Genesis 26:1-9

**- Abraham's grandson Jacob lies to \_\_\_\_\_  
to \_\_\_\_\_ his brother's inheritance**  
Genesis 27:18-35

**- Abraham's great-grandsons lie to their dad to cover up  
\_\_\_\_\_ their bro into \_\_\_\_\_**  
Genesis 37:2-35

### The Affirmation of the Gospel:

**We are more \_\_\_\_\_ than we ever dared hope**

### The Gospel changes the way we respond to...

... \_\_\_\_\_

... \_\_\_\_\_

## Life Group Questions for the Week of February 17, 2019

1. This Sunday we saw how God used Abraham despite his imperfections and flaws. Can you think of a time when God used you or someone you know despite any weaknesses, fears or limitations you or they may have had?

2. Abraham had a problem of lying when under pressure. We saw a similar pattern of lying in his family through the 4<sup>th</sup> generation. What was your family's view on lying when growing up?

- Lies were ok if it prevented someone from pain
- Lies weren't tolerated
- White lies were ignored
- No one ever told the truth
- Lies shouldn't be challenged
- Other:

3. We all face the temptation to bend things, justify or explain why a "little white lie" is not such a big deal. When compared to some of the other sins we commit, lying can seem small. What strong language is used in the following verses and how does that add to your understanding of God's view of lying? Proverbs 6:16-19; Proverbs 11:1; Psalm 5:6

In what areas of your life have you been most tempted to tell a half-truth or had to be on your guard the most to maintain integrity?

4. This Sunday we heard about the consequences of lying and the importance of being truthful. However, it's not just speaking the truth; it's how we do it that's important. What guidance do the following verses give in speaking the truth with tact? Colossians 4:5-6; Ephesians 4:29; 1 Peter 3:15

Which verse is most important for you to remember when speaking truth to others?

5. Our culture today is fascinated with the mistakes of other people. From reality TV to the internet and social media, we are literally immersed in the personal lives of others. With so much focus on other people's "stuff," there is less emphasis on our own issues. What consequences in the following verses could help us remember that we all have "feet of clay" and need to be slow to judge others? Matthew 7:1-5; Matthew 12:36-37; James 4:11-12

What are some of the reasons why we are so quick to judge other people?

6. Is there anything in your life you'd like to change to stay clear of a "half-truth" or any area your group could be praying for you in terms of lying, truthfulness, integrity, or judgmental attitude?