Lying:

Saying something untrue, partially true, or leaving out important details with the intent to deceive others or save face.

When my reputation is more important than my character, I will lie!

Acts 5:1-11 NLT

But there was a certain man named Ananias who, with his wife, Sapphira, sold some property. He brought part of the money to the apostles, claiming it was the full amount. With his wife's consent, he kept the rest.

Then Peter said, "Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit, and you kept some of the money for yourself. The property was yours to sell or not sell, as you wished. And after selling it, the money was also yours to give away. How could you do a thing like this? You weren't lying to us but to God!" As soon as Ananias heard these words, he fell to the floor and died. Everyone who heard about it was terrified. Then some young men got up, wrapped him in a sheet, and took him out and buried him.

About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter asked her, "Was this the price you and your husband received for your land?" "Yes," she replied, "that was the price." And Peter said, "How could the two of you even think of conspiring to test the Spirit of the Lord like this? The young men who buried your husband are just outside the door, and they will carry you out, too."

Instantly, she fell to the floor and died. When the young men came in and saw that she was dead, they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. Great fear gripped the entire church and everyone else who heard what had happened.

Lying is a <u>bigger deal</u> than we think

Satan is more deceptive than we imagine

Truth is more powerful than we believe

John 8:32,34 NLT

And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free....I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave of sin.

John 14:6 NLT Jesus told him, "I am the way, the *truth*, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

Response I accepted Jesus Today! I need to come clean!