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Lesson 70: 2 Samuel 1:1-16 An Inconvenient Lie

Okay, first of all, take a moment today and just jot down anything you know (or don't know!) about these three people who we will be introduced to over the next several weeks.

Mephibosheth _____

Bathsheba _____

Joab _____

Grab a dictionary and write down the definition of “deceit”. Now, write down examples of deceit that you have seen around you or that you have committed. (Be honest about your deceit—heehee. No one is going to grade you on this or look over your shoulder. But remember, God already knows the truth, so admit it so you can see it clearly, without blinders on.)

Read Psalm 5:4-6. How does God view deceit?

Read Psalm 34:11-14. If you desire a long, peaceful life, what should you avoid?

Read Acts 13:9-12. Look at the words that Paul uses here to describe this false teacher. Who does Paul attribute as being the father of this false teacher?

What does he say this man is full of?

What is this man an enemy of?

What is his false teaching like?

Read Ephesians 4:17-24. How are the Gentiles described as walking here?

When we have put on Christ, what will we put off?

In what image are we being re-created?

As you spend time with your Father today, consider the ways in which you practice deceit in your life. Are you mostly trying to make yourself look good or to avoid negative consequences? Or are you trying to deceive God into seeing you as better than you are? You can't fool God. As you talk to God today, ask Him to help you to put off the desires of the flesh. Ask Him to replace those desires with the desire for Him—for His truth, His statutes, His commands, His glory, His love, His justice, His mercy, His grace. Ask Him to fill you with the desire to know more and more about Him as you enter into relationship with Him, instead of simply wanting what He can give you.