

Radical Truthfulness

Matthew 5:33-37

Making vows in God's name was _____ in the OT.

- **Deuteronomy 10:20** Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name.
- **Deuteronomy 6:13** "You shall fear only the LORD your God; and you shall worship Him and swear by His name.
- **Genesis 22:16-18** "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me." God does this at least 36 times in the bible.

But making a false vow or breaking an oath made in God's name was a _____.

- **Leviticus 19:12** "Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.
- **Numbers 30:2** When a man makes a vow to the LORD or takes an oath to obligate himself by a pledge, he must not break his word but must do everything he said.
- **Deuteronomy 23:21** If you make a vow to the LORD your God, do not be slow to pay it, for the LORD your God will certainly demand it of you and you will be guilty of sin.

1. Don't swear by anything because all good things are _____ things.

Matt 5:34-36 But I tell you, Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King 36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black.

2. There are no _____ lies.

3. Jesus calls believers to radical _____.

- **Matt 5:37** Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.
- **Jesus calls His followers to become a people of _____.**
- **You were _____ for truth.**
 - **Application:** When you catch yourself in a lie, _____ and tell the truth.
- **Lying brings _____.**
- **Genesis 3:4-5** "You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. 5 "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil."
- **John 8:44** ...He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies
 - **Application:** I need to be _____ with myself about my words.
- "For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks" **Matthew 12:34**
- **You are _____ by receiving the truth**
- **1 Corinthians 15:1-2** Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

Next Steps for Growth:

I want to begin to follow Jesus today.

I want to be contacted by a pastor.

I want to be baptized.

I want to become a member.

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Change my contact info

Mailing Address: _____

I am a: 1st time guest 2nd time guest Regular Attendee Member (taken membership class & committed to membership covenant)