

# "Lie #1"

## One of life's great questions:

Why am I not being transformed?

## Remember:

We are saved by grace: *a gift we don't deserve*

Our part is faith: *to believe, trust, and depend*

Faith is stopped by lies: *Satan's great tool*

## Lie #1: *I'm not that bad!*

### This is a lie that:

I am often told I should believe

I really do want to believe

Helps me feel better about myself

### The main problem is denial

Of my sinfulness

Of my powerlessness

Of my desperateness

### When I believe this lie, I:

Put on a good act in front of others

Refuse to be honest with myself

Keep God's grace at a distance

### What is the truth?

My only standard is Jesus: Holiness

My only response is brokenness: Repentance

My only hope is grace: Salvation

### A testimony of honesty: Renee Twibell

### A testimony of urgency: Neil O'Brien

### *The truth that sets me free: God's amazing grace!*

## **Romans 7:21-25**

21 So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. 22 For in my inner being I delight in God's law; 23 but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. 24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God-through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

## **2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

7 To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

## **Philippians 3:7-11**

7 But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ-the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. 10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

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#### **How does Twitter work?**

When you send twitter an update, that status goes out to all your "followers." If you follow Middletownnaz, you will get our updates about the services either online or on your cell phone. When you reply to those messages, you send out a status update to your followers, including us.

#### **How do I sign up?**

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#### **How do I manage my account?**

Go to <http://twitter.com> to set up your account and set options like protecting your status updates so only friends can see them. Just make sure you accept us as your friend!

#### **How much does it cost?**

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#### **How do I stop getting updates?**

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