

STOP BELIEVING LIES

Genesis 3:1-4

The Bible describes the spiritual struggle we constantly face with our enemy as a war. Satan's objective is to defeat us and take us into bondage (Genesis 4:7). In order to win the war, it is imperative for you to have a strategic plan for victory. The best strategy is simple and straightforward.

In this three week series, I want to expose you to God's plan. It involves three simple steps to victory. The first one is the title of this week's message, **STOP BELIEVING LIES**. We open a door to the enemy when we believe his lies. Satan has been trying to gain access to our lives through lies since the beginning. The door to the enemy stays closed when our words and thoughts align with the truth of God's Word. **The first step to sin is believing a lie!**

THREE WAYS WE OPEN THE DOOR TO THE ENEMY

1. The sins that we continue

2 Corinthians 2:10-11

If you persist in a sin that you know is a sin and do nothing about it even though you can, you are opening a door to the enemy. You don't have to be a serial killer with an internet porn addiction to open the door of sin. Our typical thoughts of sin usually involve some pretty obvious bad habits or embarrassing tendencies. Sin can be very subtle, and the door can even be pushed open by something that might otherwise would be good, if you weren't abusing it.

2. The words that we speak.

Proverbs 18:21; 6:2; Numbers 30:1-5; Luke 6:45

Our words are powerful, and death and life are in the power of the tongue. With your tongue you agree to God's Word over your life or you agree with Satan's words over your life. We can open a door to the enemy by the words we speak. By believing and speaking truth, we can break the power of the lies that have been spoken by us or over us.

3. The thoughts that we think.

Proverbs 23:7; John 8:32; Numbers 13:32

The Bible tells us that as a man thinks, so is he. If truth sets us free, then believing a lie holds us in bondage. Don't let the enemy convince you to believe a lie. The thoughts you think will affect what you believe, which will influence your life in either a good or bad way.