



# LIVE NO LIES

Reclaiming your ————— Peace  
Hope  
and Life

## Live No Lies Part 2—Live Above the Lies Pastor Dave Patterson 5.8.2022

### USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

**Anomie** is a social condition in which there is a disintegration or disappearance of the norms and values that were previously common to society. The concept, thought of as “normlessness,” was developed by the founding sociologist, Émile Durkheim. He discovered, through research, that anomie occurs during and follows periods of drastic and rapid changes to the social, economic, moral and or political structures of society. It is, per Durkheim's view, a transition phase wherein the values and norms common during one period are no longer valid in the next.

### **[2 Timothy 3:1-5, 13-14]**

But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. <sup>2</sup> For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant,

abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, <sup>4</sup> treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup> having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power.

Evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, **deceiving and being deceived.** <sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed,

**[Colossians 2:4, AMP]**

I say this **so that no one will deceive you** with persuasive, but thoroughly deceptive, arguments.

**[2 Corinthians 11:3]**

But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, **your minds may somehow be led astray** from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

**[1 John 3:7]**

“Dear children, don't let anyone deceive you”

**[1 Corinthians 6:9]**

“Do not be deceived...”

**[Romans 1:25]**

“They exchanged the truth about God for a lie”

**[Matthew 24:4]**

“**Watch out that no one deceives you**”

**[Revelation 12:9]**

“...Satan, he who **continually** deceives **and** seduces the entire inhabited world”

**[3 John 4, AMP]**

I have no greater joy than to hear that my spiritual children are **walking in and abiding in the truth.**

**[John 14:6]**

Jesus answered, “**I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**”

**[Hebrews 13:8]**

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever”

***The most destructive thing is not a lie but a lie you believe.***

**[Philippians 2:5]**

Let this mind **(mindset , attitude)** be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

***God will qualify you, not men.***

**[John 13:17]**

**Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.**

**3 Ways to Live Above the Lies**

**1. Meditate on the Word**

### [Philippians 4:8-9]

Summing it all up, friends, you'll do best by **filling your minds and meditating on** things true, noble, honest, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will be with you.

### [Psalm 1:2-3]

Blessed is the man... who's delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he **meditates day and night**.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

### Quotes from Psalm 119

“I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds”

“...I meditate on your promises”

“...Your law is my meditation all day long”

“Your testimonies are my meditation..”

“I will meditate on your wonders”

“...we meditate on your unfailing love”

### [Isaiah 26:3]

You will keep in **perfect peace**

all who trust in you,

all **whose thoughts are fixed on you!**

### **3 Ways to Live Above the Lies**

#### **2. Never move beyond the peace of God (*check your peace meter*)**

**Shalom** = an inward sense of completeness, wholeness and tranquility / the absence of conflict, strife and confusion

**[Colossians 3:15]**

Let the peace of Christ **rule in your hearts.** ... And always be thankful.

Rule / Greek = **brabeuō**

– to be the umpire, to decide, direct and control decisions

### **3 Ways to Live Above the Lies**

#### **3. Extract every lie and replace it with truth**

**[2 Corinthians 10:4-5]**

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have **divine power to demolish strongholds.** We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

**[John 10:28]**

**“I give them eternal life, ...and no one can snatch them away from me”**

**[Philippians 1:6, AMP]**

I am convinced **and** confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you **will continue to perfect and complete it** until the day of Christ Jesus return.

**[Matthew 6:30,34]**

if God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you?—oh you of little faith.... So don't worry about tomorrow...

**[Philippians 4:19]**

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

**[Romans 8:38-39]**

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, **nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God** that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**[Jeremiah 31:3]**

"I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.

**FOR MONDAY—**

1. Take 10 minutes a day this week to leave your cell phone in another room, turn off any media, and intentionally meditate on God's Word. For practicalities, consider reading though Psalm 119 this week and highlighting any place that talks about meditating on God.
2. Write out some Scripture on notecards or sticky notes and put them up around your house, car, or workspace to counter any lies that might be circulating around you.

## TALK IT THROUGH

1. What are some differences today in our cultural norms than even just two short years ago? How have you had to adjust to any of these changes personally or as a family?
2. What is dictating your thoughts and opinions these days?
3. How can we grow in discernment and awareness as Christ followers?
4. What is the concept of “anomie?” What does this say about the times we are in today? How can we “identify, extract, and replace” lies with the truth of God’s Word?  
[2 Timothy 3:1-5, 13-14]
5. How do we see that clear truth is a scarcity in society right now? Why do you think this battle for truth is happening in the days we’re living in? When have you seen objective truth and subjective thought at odds?
6. What are some things that might be stealing your hope in this season?
7. What are you filling your mind with daily? In other words, what is the food that your mind is operating on? How can we renew our mind? [Romans 12:1-2] Why is this important?
8. How’s your “peace meter” doing these days? Who have you entrusted to speak into your life and gauge your meter alongside you?
9. What are some lies you may have once believed that you now have freedom and truth over?
10. What are some actions you need to take this week to live above the lies and reclaim your hope, peace, and life?