

## **False Teachers**

### **Ready:**

“There were indeed false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, and will bring swift destruction on themselves.” – 2 Peter 2:1

### **Set**

One of the hardest aspects of being a coach’s kid was to endure people speaking badly about my dad.

I have heard people tell lies, twist the truth, yell and curse at my dad. You name it, I’ve seen it. When I was little, it was hard to understand why these people acted so harshly toward my dad. As I got older, I still didn’t understand it, but I have come to accept that some people will speak falsely and create trouble no matter the situation.

These people exist outside of the world of sports as well. Plenty of people will enjoy spreading lies and false truths about the Gospel. Their goal is to trick us and twist the truth of scripture to fit their narrative.

In the early Christian church, false teachers were a real problem. Since the early Christians were trying to establish and spread the Gospel, false teachings confused people. What made these false prophets so troublesome was that they claimed to be Christians but spread lies and false teachings in the name of Christ. They were internally trying to hurt the name of God by turning people in the wrong direction.

To this day, we still have false prophets around us – people who look and act like Christians but spread false ideas wrapped in Christian language and customs. That’s why holding tight to the Truth in scripture is so important. To be knowledgeable about Christ is not just for our gain but also for our protection. We must listen and trust the Holy Spirit to help us discern what is true or false.

We know what is false if we hold tight to what is true. I knew what was true about my dad and how he coached, which made it impossible to believe the lies. Let us know the Truth of our faith to discern the lies.

### **Go**

- Have you ever heard a false teaching and felt the Holy Spirit guide you to the Truth?
- How do you figure out if something is false?

### **Workout**

Matthew 7:15-20

2 Timothy 4:3-4

### **Overtime**

“Lord, You are the author of all things true. You have given us Your Spirit and Word to help guide us away from lies and abide in the Truth. Let us discern what is true in this life and what is not. Protect us from false teachings, oh God. Amen.”



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