

# Because I Said So

“The Truth The Whole Truth . . .”

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Exodus 20:16 NLT “You must not testify falsely against your neighbor.”

Exodus 20:16 KJ “Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.”

## Bear False Witness Is...

- Lie about people – Proverbs 24:28; Exodus 23:1
- Lie to People - Genesis 37:29-35 pg. 25 in SCC provided Bible
- Lie to the Holy Spirit - Acts 5
- Repeating Gossip – Proverbs 17:4
- Complaining Against Leaders - 2 Samuel 15:1-6

## To Tell The Truth

Ephesians 4:25-32 pg.706 in SCC provided Bible

- Speak the Truth in Love – Ephesians 4:15
- Make your speech Good and Helpful – Proverbs 15:4
- Use words that Encourage – 1 Thessalonians 5:11
- Show Justice to all people – Zechariah 8:16, 17

## Why...

- God wants us to live in Unity – Ephesians 4:1-6 pg. 705 in SCC provided Bible

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## Questions

1. Has anyone ever “born false witness” against you? How did it make you feel?
2. Does everyone really lie?
3. Are all lies bad lies?
4. How can you change your words to be encouraging words?
5. What do you think it means to “speak the truth in love”?

## Scripture

Read Acts 5:1-11

- Did Ananias and Sapphira have to lie about the money they gave? Why do you think they decided to “bear a false witness” to God?
- How serious does God take lying to Him?

## Application

- How do I rate on the “to tell the truth” meter?
- What can I do to speak the truth with encouraging, helpful words?