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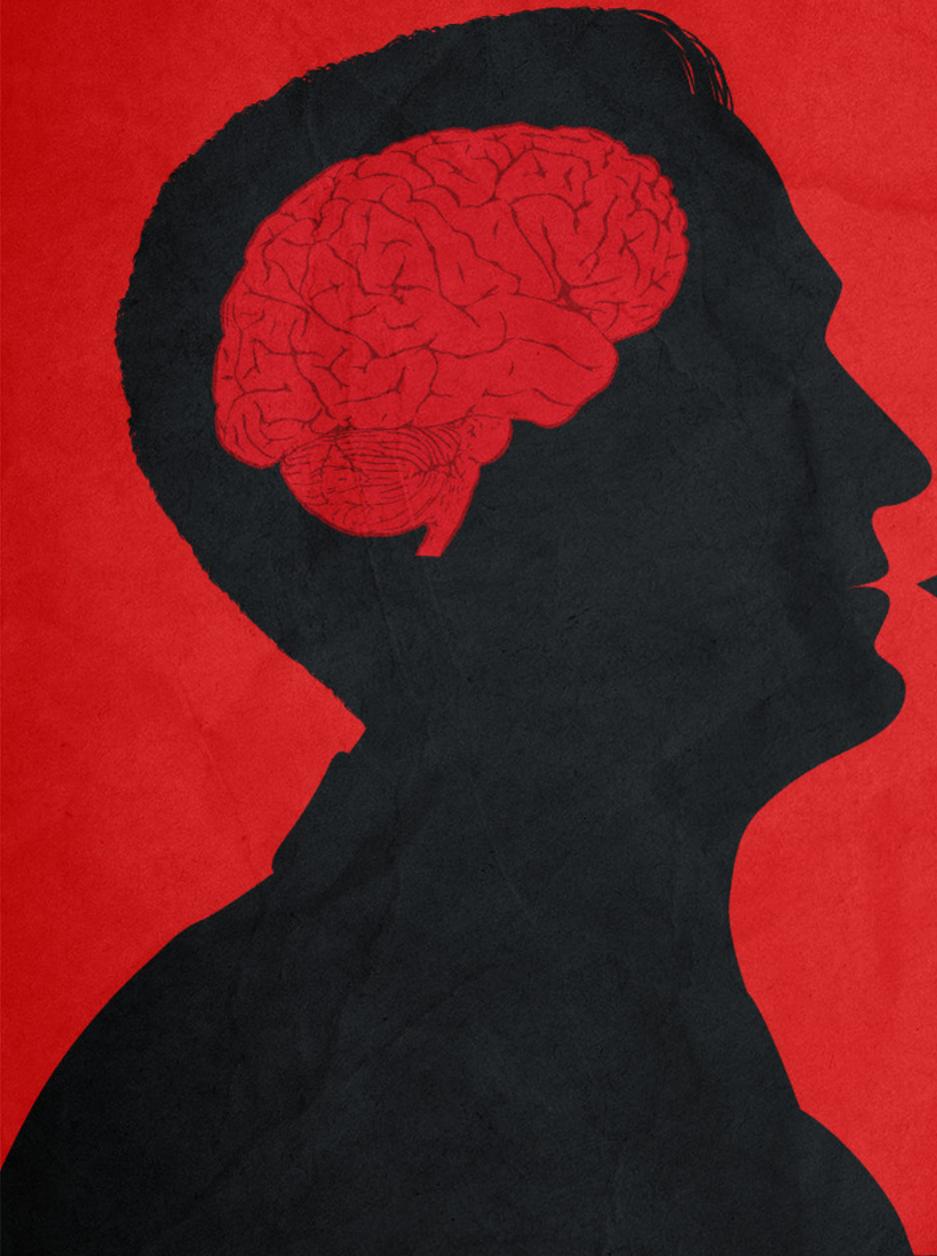
Jesus Teaching on Truth & Promises

*Matthew 5:33-37*

An aerial photograph of a tropical beach. The top half of the image shows clear, turquoise water with visible coral reefs and sandy patches. The middle section is a wide, white sandy beach. The bottom half is a dense, lush green forest of tropical trees and palm trees.

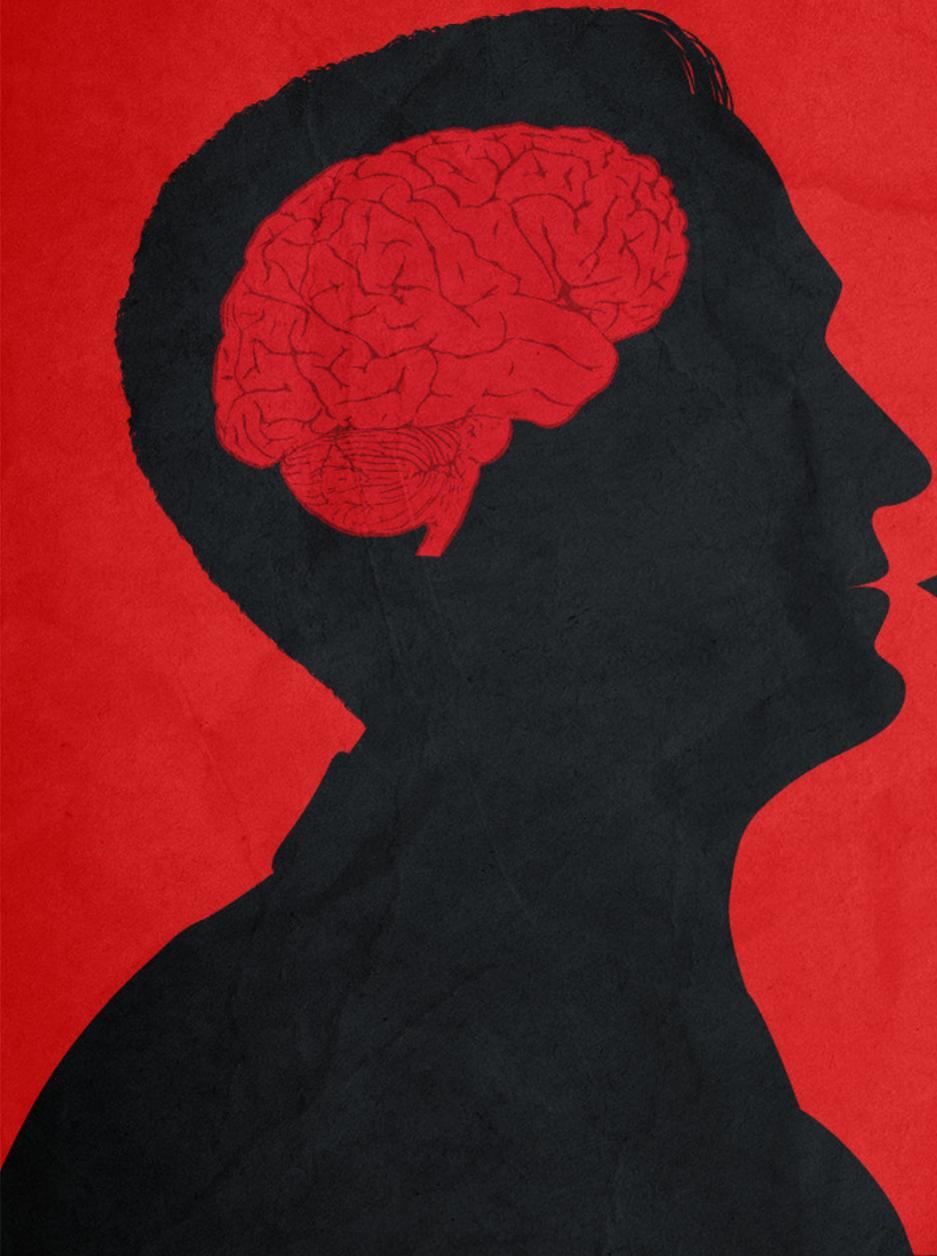
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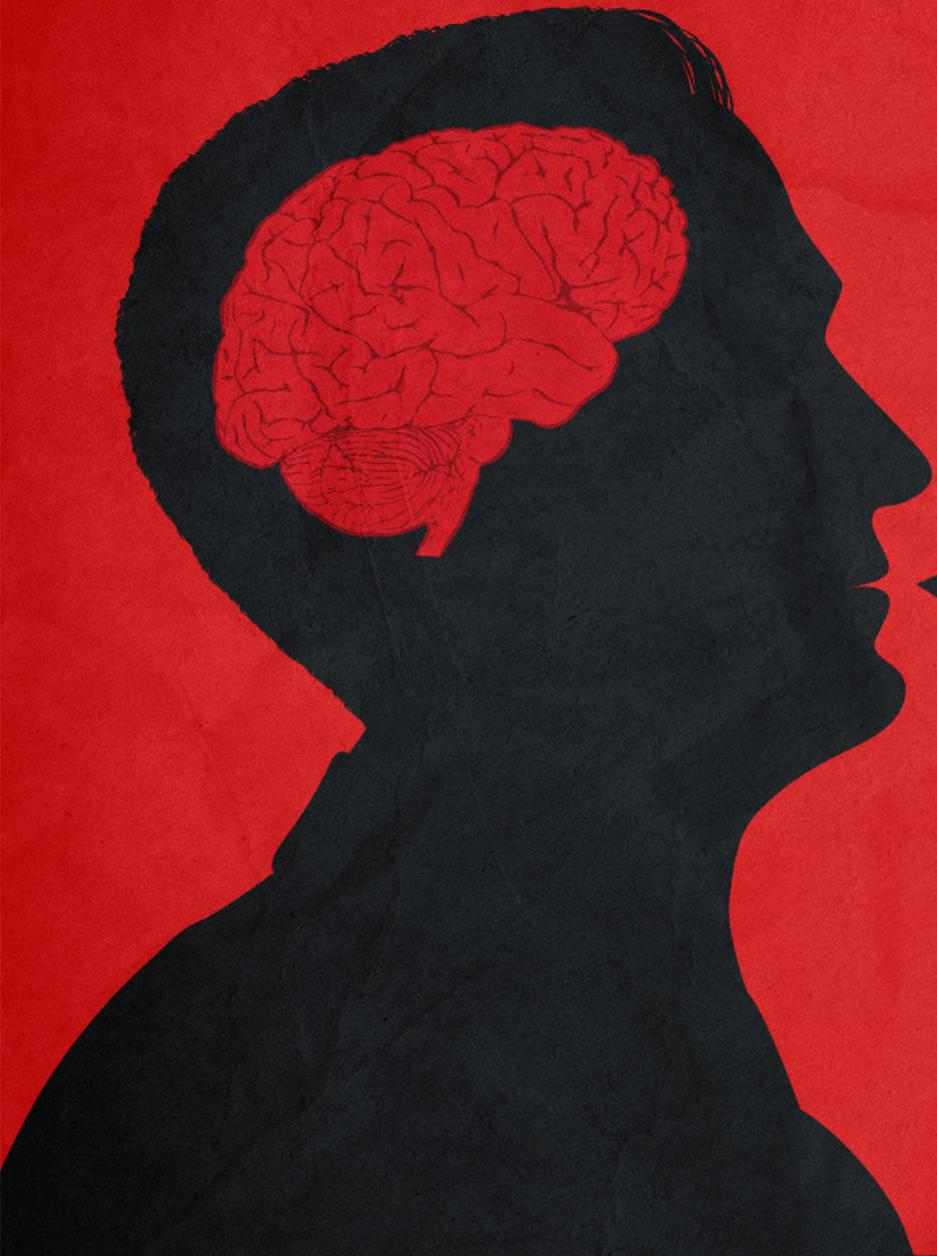
**91%**

**lie on a regular basis  
about matters they  
consider trivial**



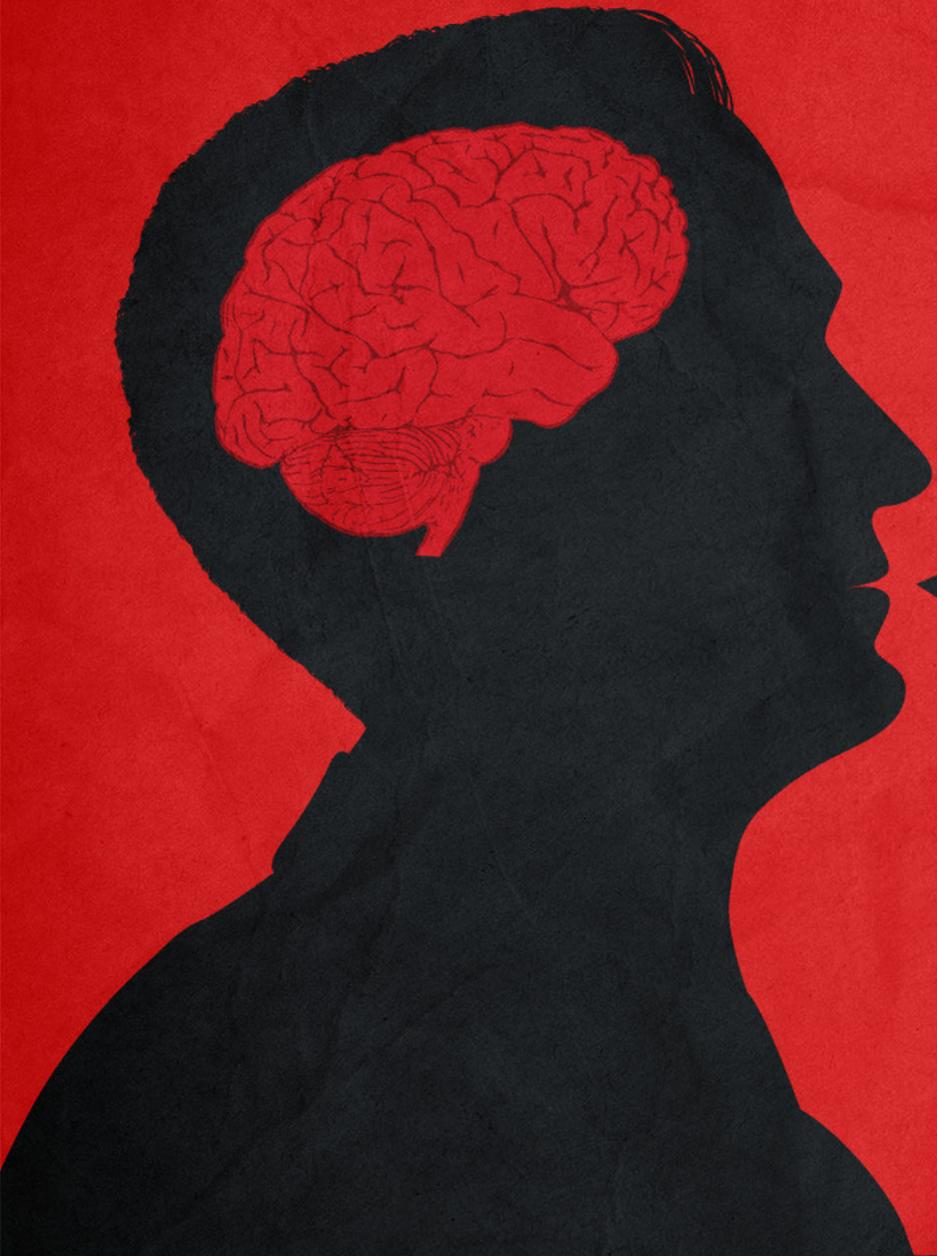
**86%**

**lie to their parents  
regularly**



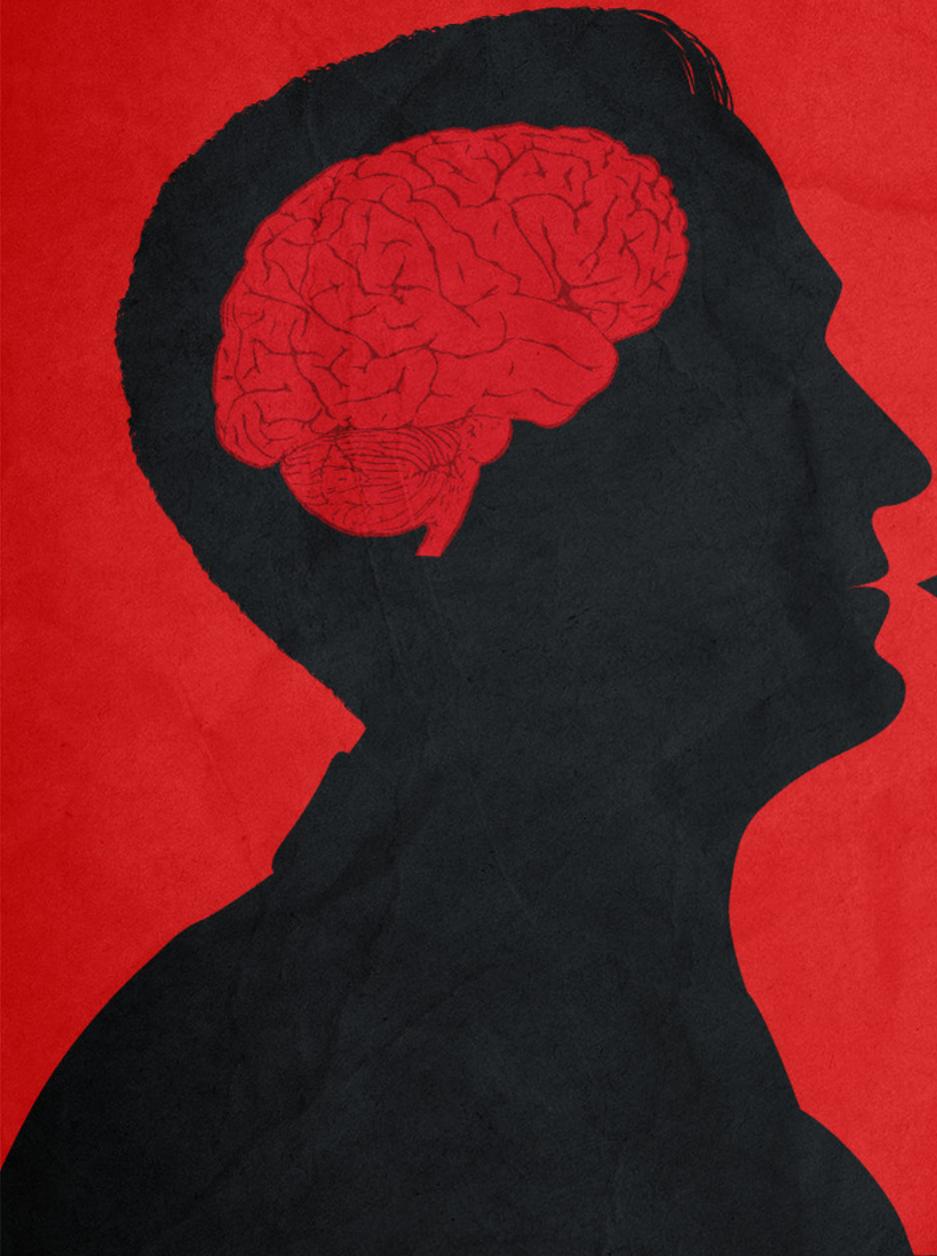
**75%**

**lie to their friends**



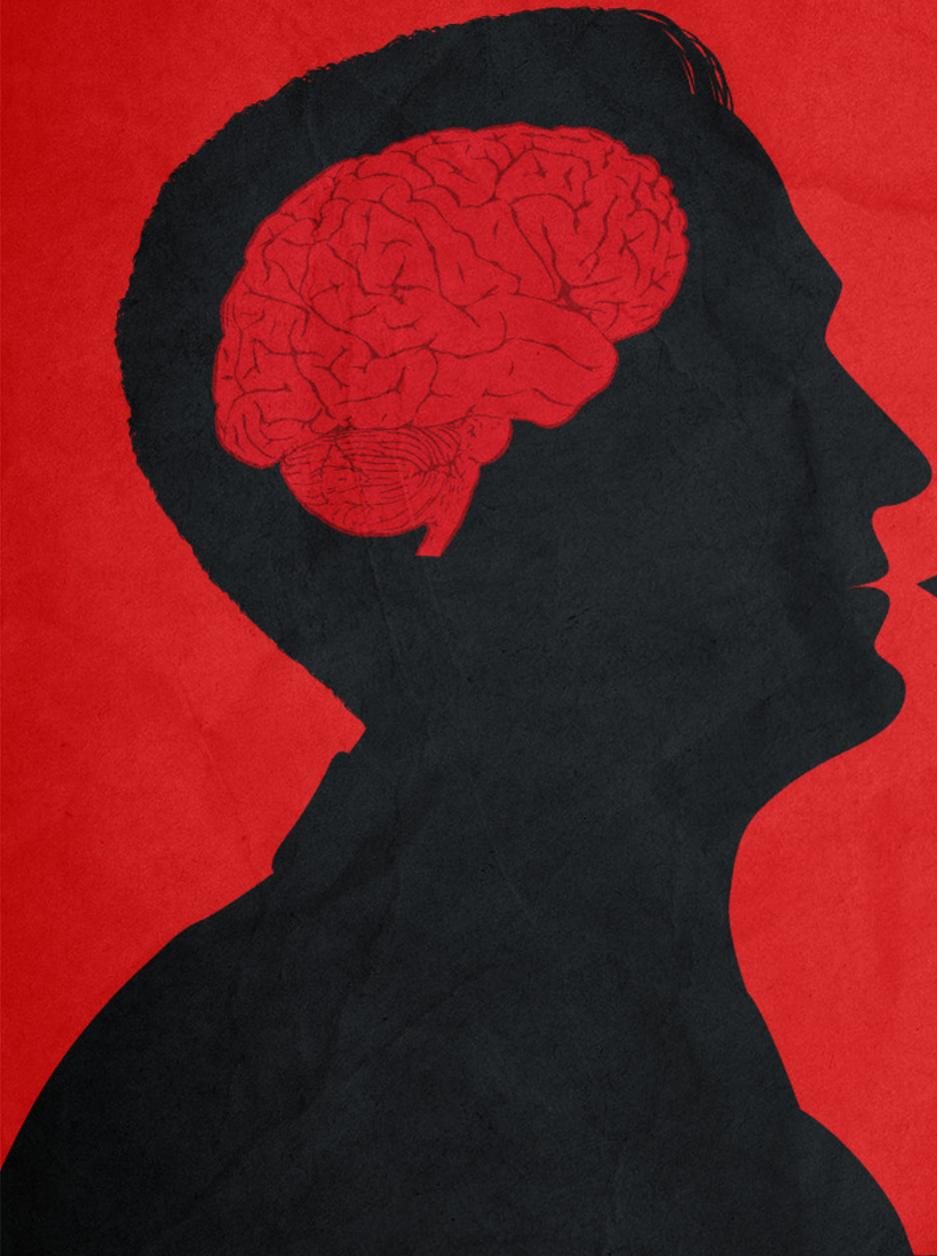
**69%**

**lie to their spouses**



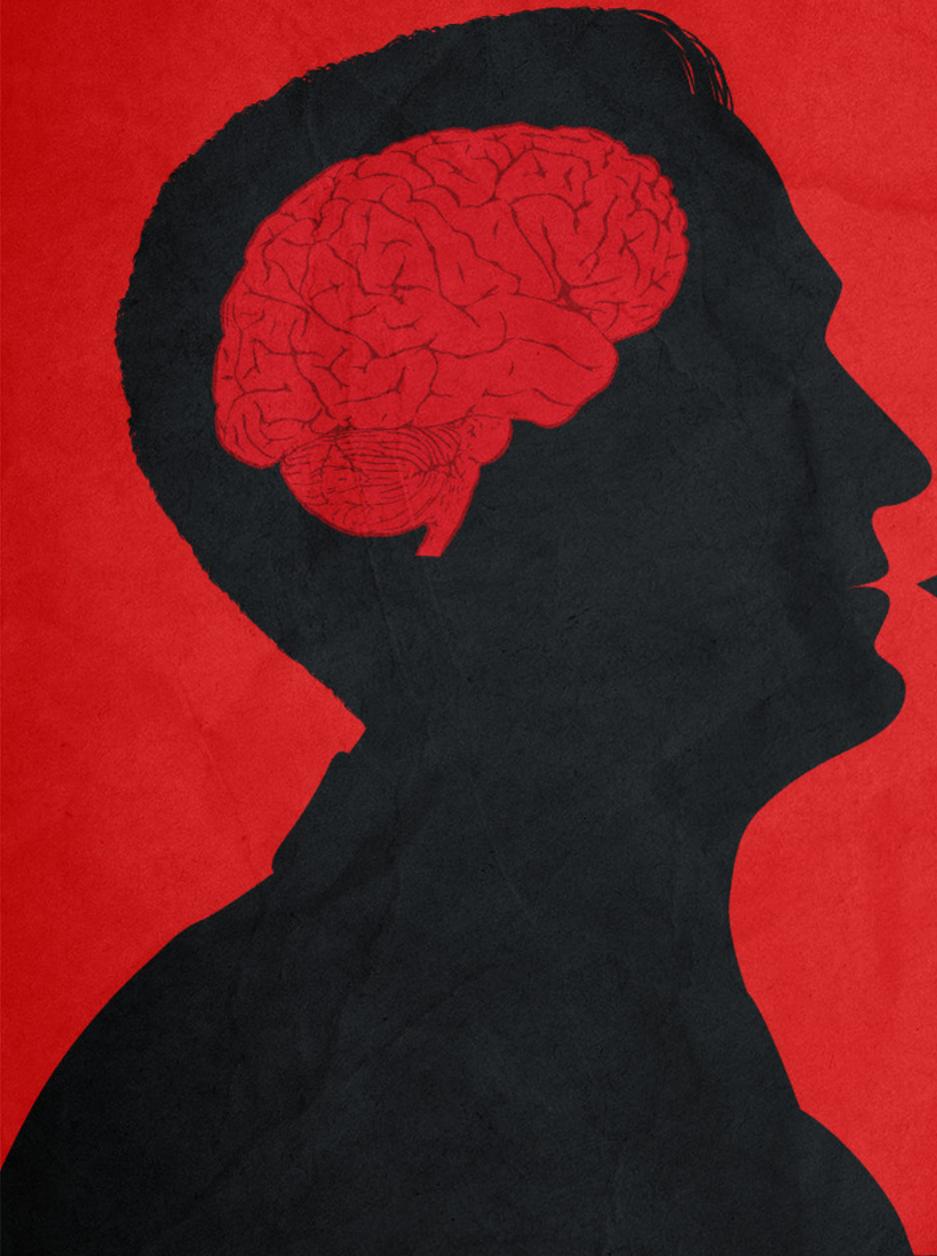
**50%**

**regularly call into  
work sick when they  
aren't sick**



**75%**

**of high school  
students engage in  
serious cheating**



**50%**

**of high school  
students didn't even  
think copying test  
answers is cheating**

**In the Bible, taking vows was permitted – even encouraged.**

▪ Deut. 10:20; Numb. 30:2; Deut. 23:21, 23; Jer. 12:16

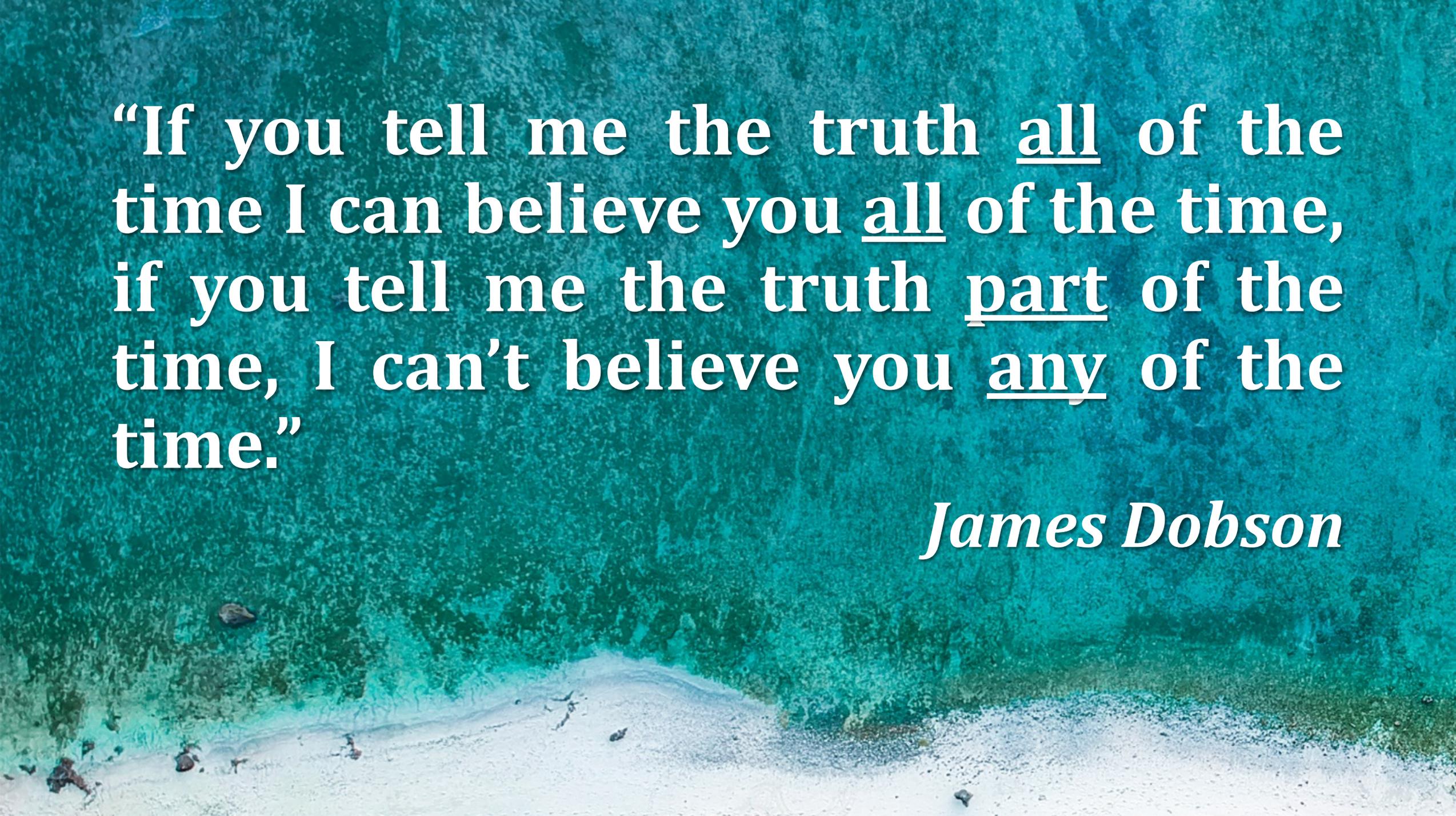
▪ Heb. 6:17-19; Ps. 89:34-36; Ps 110:4; Ps. 132:11

▪ Rom. 1:9; 2 Cor. 1:23; Phil 1:8; 1 Thess. 2:5, 10

# Commitment #1

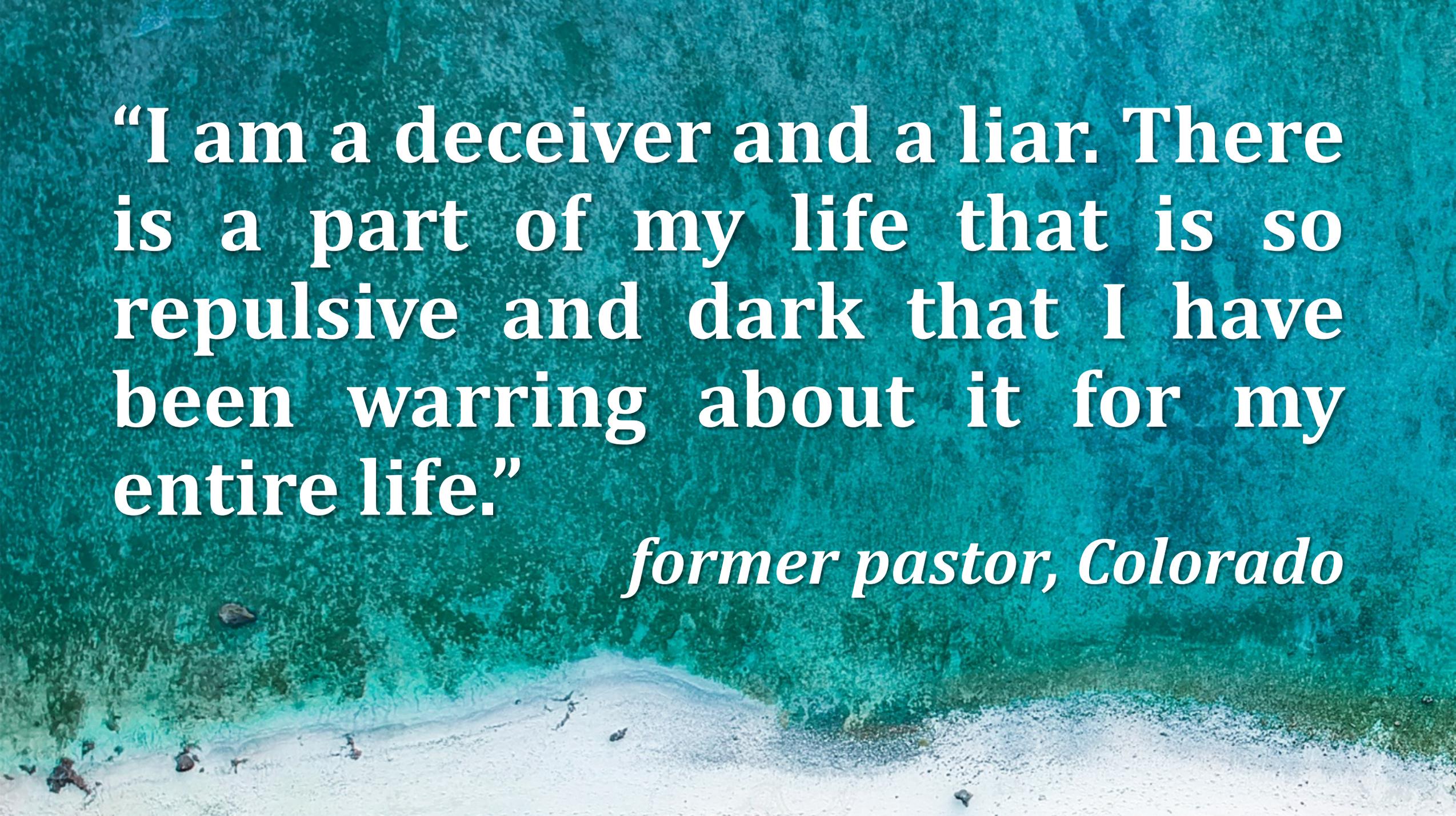
**I will tell the truth.**

*honesty in my communication*



“If you tell me the truth all of the time I can believe you all of the time, if you tell me the truth part of the time, I can't believe you any of the time.”

*James Dobson*



**“I am a deceiver and a liar. There is a part of my life that is so repulsive and dark that I have been warring about it for my entire life.”**

*former pastor, Colorado*

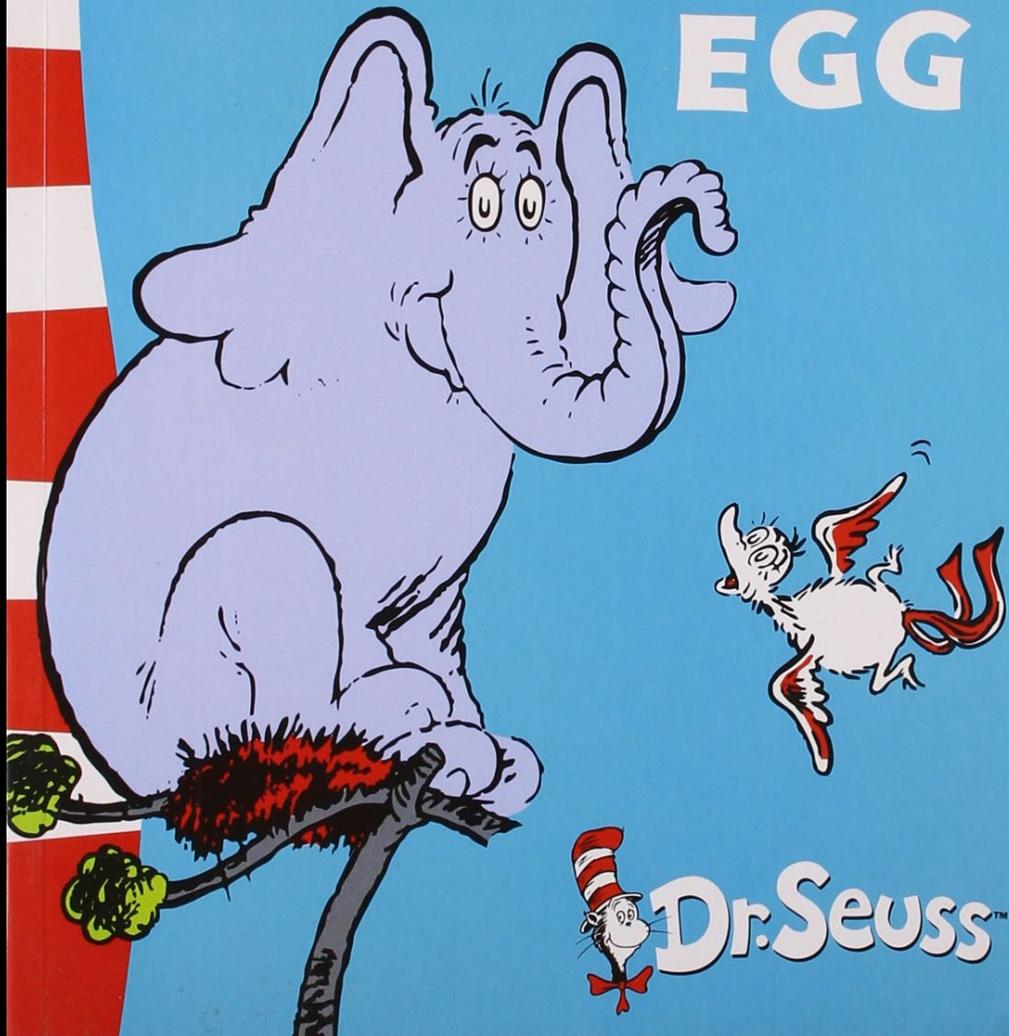
*The test of character comes  
when being truthful  
endangers what you want!*

## Commitment #2

**I will keep my word.**

*following through with my  
commitments*

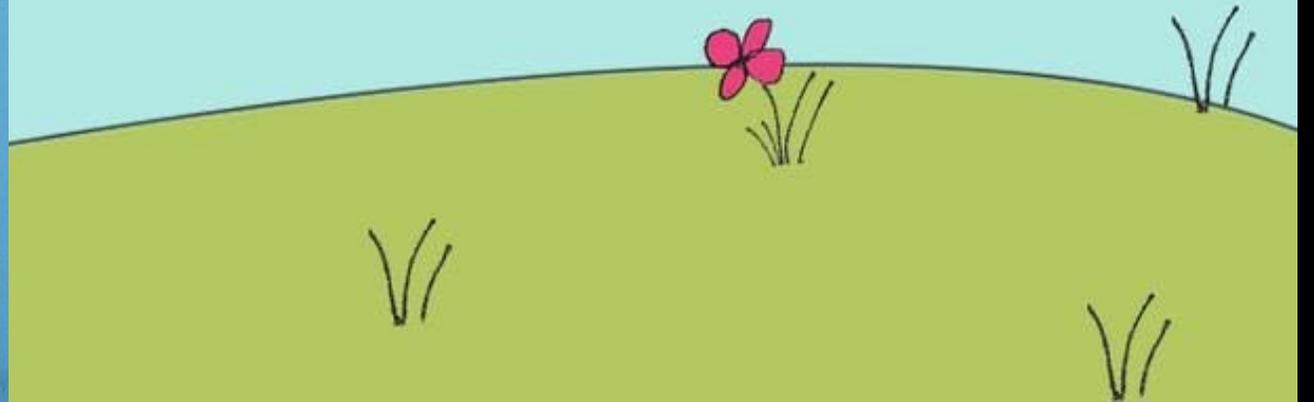
# HORTON HATCHES THE EGG



 Dr. Seuss™

“I meant what I said  
and I said what I meant.  
An elephant’s faithful  
one-hundred percent!”

- Dr. Seuss



**“Although there are no guarantees in parenting, this comes close: If you can prove your trustworthiness during the vulnerable moments in the early years, your children will come to you when they are older and facing life’s challenges.”**

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# Commitment #3

**I will live what I say.**

*integrity in my character*

# 3 Truth Commitments

1. I will tell the truth - *no lying.*
2. I will keep my word - *no broken promises.*
3. I will live what I say - *no hypocrisy.*

# Integrity

- Entire or whole
- Not going two ways at once
- Not duplicitous
  - *Not living a double life*

# **Truth *“To Go”***

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- 1. Have you kept the promises you made to God?**
- 2. Have you kept the promises you made to your family?**
- 3. Have you kept the promises you made to your church?**



# Ecclesiastes 5:4-5

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“When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldst not vow, than that thou shouldst vow and not pay.”

Him will be  
he shall  
13 His soul shall a  
and his offsp  
14 The friendship  
who fear  
and he ma  
cover  
15 My eyes are eve  
for he will p  
net  
16 Turn to me and  
for I am lon  
17 The troubles of  
bring me out  
18 Consider my af  
and forgive a  
19 Consider how  
and with w  
hate me  
20 Oh, guard my s  
Let me not b  
take retri  
21 My integrity,  
preserve  
for I wait for  
22 Redeem Israel  
out of all his  
I Will Bless the Loan  
26 Or Pray  
Vindicate m  
for I have w  
and I have m  
without y  
Preve me, O Je  
test my hear  
For your stead  
and I walk