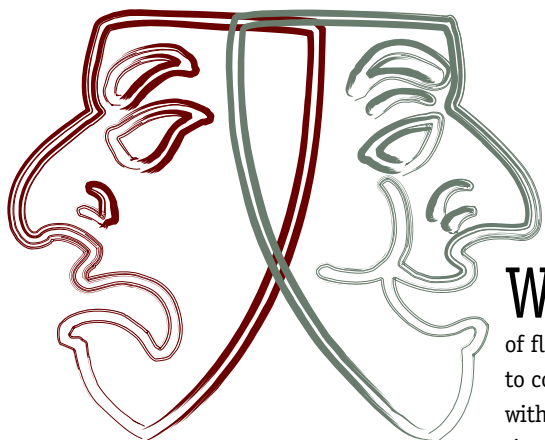


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John 2:24-25



Meaning What we Say

WE TAKE COMFORT in the truth that Christ Jesus, having experienced the fragility of flesh for Himself, is now able and willing to comfort us in our sorrow and sympathize with our own weaknesses regarding temptation. Jesus knew sorrow beyond what we will ever experience, and He was tempted more acutely than we will ever be tempted. So He ministers to us not just from the wisdom of deity, but from the scars of experience.

Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

Hebrews 2:17-18

But there is also an uncomfortable truth that accompanies the first: A Savior so intimately acquainted with our innermost needs will also be intimately acquainted with our moments of rebellion and disobedience. He knows when we hedge our bets, He knows when we are lying to Him.



Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name, observing His signs which He was doing.

John 2:23

When Jesus performed miraculous signs that attested to His divinity, people were impressed. Some even believed. But the Lord was very much aware—and mentioned repeatedly—that such belief was fragile at best.

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The people in Jerusalem claimed to trust in Him, but, knowing their hearts, He did not trust them.

Oh, what a cautionary tale. That should send a chill down the spine of every believer. Deceit is in our nature, and we have grown accustomed to the efficacy of dishonesty small and large in dealings with our fellow man. We can tell lies with so little effort that we are blithely unaware we are even doing it. With the habit established on a temporal level, we effortlessly transfer that habit to our dealings with our Lord.

How many times have we prayed words that were not reflected in our heart?

How many times have we gone through the words and motions of worship when we didn't really mean it?

How many times have we confessed to God, looking for an act of grace from above, when in our heart we were not truly sorry for our sin?



It does no good to lie to God. It does no good to be less than forthright and forthcoming to our Savior. Our stated faith should be in sync with our unstated faith; our words and actions should reflect the true condition of our heart.

For we have a Savior and Lord who loves to call us His own, and to comfort, encourage, and rescue those He knows.

"I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep."

John 10:14-15



**Search me, O God,
and know my
heart;
Try me and know my
anxious thoughts;
And see if there be
any hurtful way in
me,
And lead me in the
everlasting way.**

Psalms 139:23-24