

# *Before the THRONE*

## *The Devotional*

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2 Samuel 1:14-16

“Then David said to him, (the young man who had lied and said he had killed King Saul), “How is it you were not afraid to stretch out your hand to destroy the Lord’s anointed?” And David called one of the young men and said, “Go, cut him down!” So, he struck him and he died.” 2 Samuel 1:14-16

Lies have a way of returning upon us with a vengeance, don’t they? Initially we rationalize that to tell a small lie will not really hurt anyone and it will make us far more comfortable than telling the truth. After all, to tell the truth may hurt someone else’s feelings or even reveal something about our character that is not flattering or is even embarrassing.

To tell the truth is to align ourselves with the One Who is the Truth! To speak with integrity means to be true to ourselves and to those who hear us. To speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15), is to have matured to the place where we can be honest with ourselves, honest with others and always speak with the intent to bless and not curse, to glorify God rather than bring shame to the good, to have a point of reference that remains constant.

Set your heart upon living by the truth! Jesus will enjoy your fellowship as you predetermine to walk in integrity of heart. “Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being.” (Psalm 51:6)

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