



Week 7: I don't recognize Him

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I've never met this man in my life

Week 6: Hidden Secrets

Ananias and Sapphira
tried to be dishonest
with money they got
from the sale of their
land

God exposed their
lies, and they both
died

We can hide our sin
from everyone, but in
the end we can't hide
it from God

We need to deal with
our hidden sin by
bringing it before God,
because He is able to
deal with our sin,
failures and shame

When we bring our
hidden sin into the light
we remove fear and
isolation and create space
for healing, freedom and
repentance



RECAP



(Open Discussion)

**If you see someone a lot do
you know them well?**

King Nebuchadnezzar (Nebuchadnezzar II)

- King of the Chaldean dynasty of Babylonia
- Reigned for 43 years
- Conquered Judah and exiled the people (Israelites)
- He worshipped many Gods
- He was a great military leader
- He was very proud



Daniel 2



Daniel 3



Daniel 4



- King Nebuchadnezzar has a troubling dream about a strong and mighty tree that is cut down, leaving only the stump.
- Daniel interprets the dream, explaining that the tree represents the king and that he will lose his kingdom because of his pride.
- Daniel warns the king to repent and show mercy to the poor so the judgment might be delayed.
- A year later the prophecy happens—Nebuchadnezzar becomes proud, and God causes him to lose his sanity and live like an animal and eating grass.
- After some time (*7 years*), the king humbles himself and praises God, his sanity and kingdom are restored, and he acknowledges God's authority.

**If you know who
God is are you able
to recognize Him in
your life?**

(Open Discussion)

Praise \neq Recognition

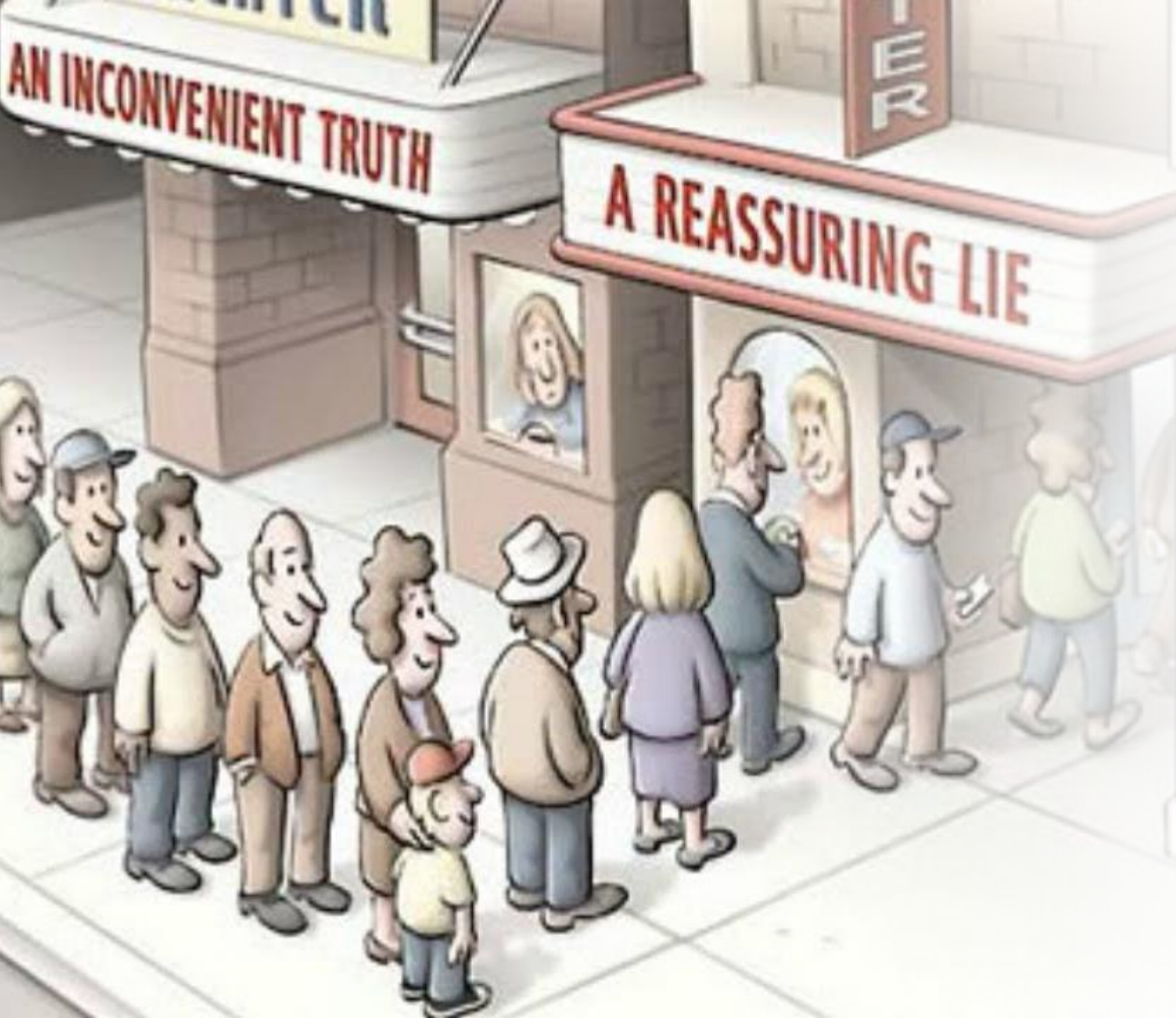


King
Nebuchadnezzar
worshipped God

He
acknowledged
God as
powerful

He put things in
place so
people could
worship God
freely

He
encountered
God twice but
didn't
recognize his
as God



The Plain Truth

- You can experience God your whole life and never recognize Him
- You can go to church every Sunday and youth groups every week and not recognize God
- You can be a "good Christian" your whole life and not recognize God
- It's not good enough to recognize God as a god he is the only God

When we don't see Him for who He is

We take His presence for granted



We are not transformed



We take the promises for granted



We miss out on what He can do through us



What stops us from recognizing God



Pride

I don't need God

If God is real He will protect me until I am ready to recognize Him

If God is real He will show me a sign that he is real

Circumstances

This situation doesn't look like what I want so God can't be real

Hurt

Someone who says they know God, has hurt me so I can't trust a God that they believe in

Familiarity

The amazing gets normal

Honorable Mention: Uzzah

2 Samuel 6:1-7 and 1 Chronicles 13:9-12

- David had setup the city of David and wanted to bring the Ark of the Covenant into the city
- The ark had been in a man's house named Abinadab (Uzzah's father)
- On the journey to bring the ark to the city of David the ark the oxen that were pulling the cart stumbled
- Uzzah put out his hand to prevent the Ark from falling and God struck him dead



How can we recognize God

- **Seek Him**

- Ask Him to reveal Himself to you
- Study who He is
- Search for the truth

- **Have child-like wonder**

- **Be humble**

- **Understand you want always have the answers, but God is always good**



Don't wait to recognize Him



- King Nebuchadnezzar waited until God humbled him beyond belief to recognize God
- **You can choose to recognize Him now, or once it is too late but you will recognize Him at some point**

Philippians 2: 9-10:

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.