

Intro:

Introduce self, transition to story of fake house robbery and how it deceived Kristin. Just like the Gnostics had been lying to the Christians in their own homes. Tell the story of 1-6 and the prep of the ship.

Need:

To share areas lies a common misconceptions that have led me to sin instead of Christ. Be transparent about failures in 4 areas of my life.

Bible:

2nd John 1-6 explanation: 7-8 heart of sermon.

1 The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all who know the truth,  
2 because of the truth that abides in us and will be with us forever:  
3 Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.  
4 I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father.  
5 And now I ask you, dear lady-not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning-that we love one another.  
6 And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it.  
7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist.  
8 Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward.

- identify a few common ways we are deceived by people, and mainly by ourselves.  
-be real in how I've lied and deceived myself all throughout high school. Now list some of the ways I've done that.

Truth: deception thrills, sin kills, Jesus fulfills

-pride:

1st Timothy 6:4 he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions. and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain

the oldest form of deception is pride, but also one of the most prevalent.  
Signs of pride are the easiest to identify but at the same the hardest to recognize.  
Deceivers struggle with pride, seek Jesus then humility will come.

-love/happiness Gal 5:13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.  
16-17 16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.  
17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

-when we trade love for lust we trade the truth of a risen savior for the lie of a deprived world.

- I've failed miserably in this area. I've elevated girls and lust to the level of God. It's what the world tells us is right. But in reality love without pure intentions and Christ motivation is sin.

looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2

False witness: Titus 1:16 They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

2nd Corinthians 11:13-15 13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.  
14 And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.  
15 So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

-we can't afford to be false witnessing because we are keeping lost souls out of heaven.

Story: Kristin and the pepper

Truths:

Lies:

Seeking Jesus eliminates pride ~ we know enough and are good enough already

The only pure love is Christ and the church ~ lust is love

We are called to purity ~ we are called to please our flesh

Witnessing is vital ~ we are too important and don't need to witness

The gospel of Jesus ~ the 1000 other ways the world tries to trick us into being superficially happy.