

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH #2

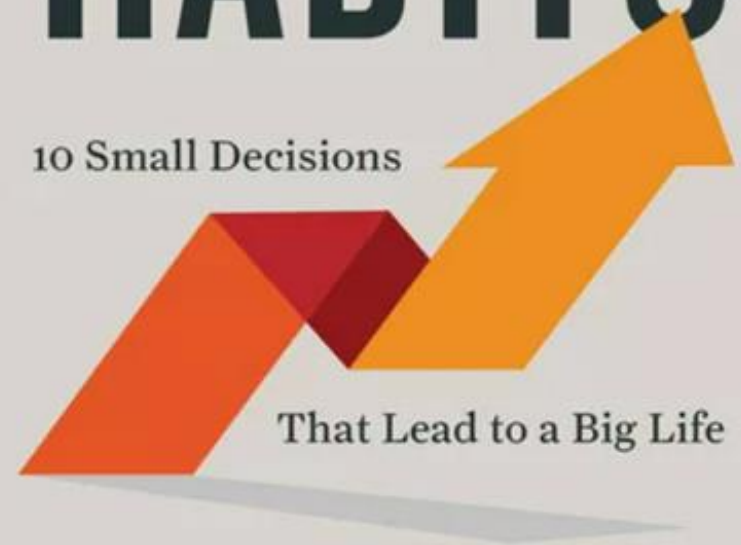
FALL BOOK CLUB

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AGENDA

HOLY HABITS

10 Small Decisions



That Lead to a Big Life

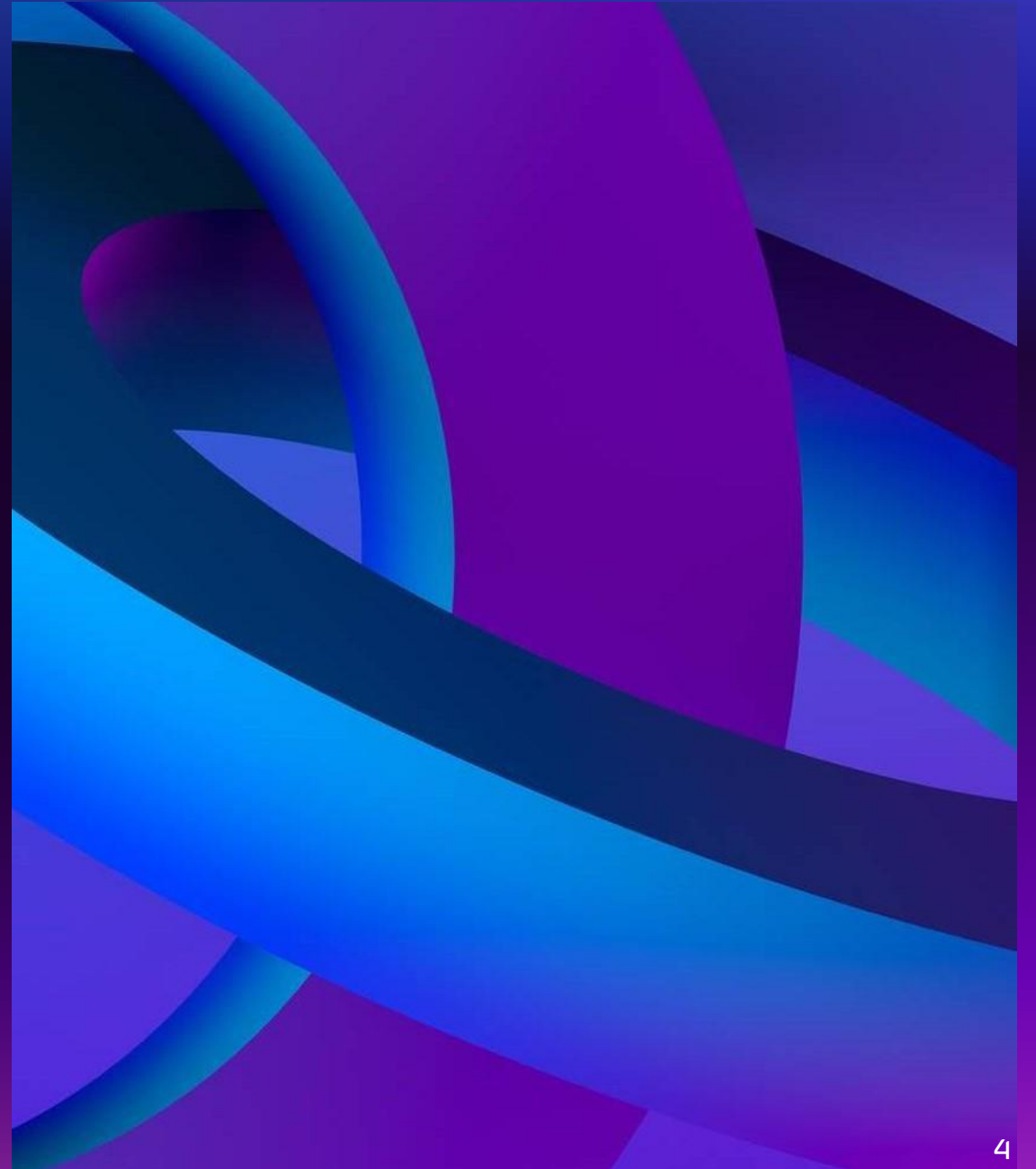
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CHAPTER 1

READ IT AND CHOOSE IT

OVERCOMING THE LIE

Living a lie has led to the destruction of countless individuals, families, and entire communities. Living and believing lies hold free people captive.



READ IT AND CHOOSE IT

- The greatest threat to your freedom as a follower of Jesus is a small four letter word: L-I-E-S. – pg. 26
- Whether you realize it or not right now, you are in an all-out battle for your freedom in the arena of truth versus lies. – pg.26
- It has been this way from the beginning when Satan wen to war with Eve. Do you remember his weapon of choice? A lie. Satan deployed lies to steal freedom then, and he does the esact same thing today. Jesus called the devil the father of lies. – pg. 27
- The devil is not just lying to our culture but to Christians, too. And thereis one lie thatis absolutely wreaking havoc on believers all over the world today. It's the lie that *God's priority is to make us happy.* – pg. 27

READ IT AND CHOOSE IT

- God's priority for our lives is not to make us happy. It's to make us holy. – pg. 28
- However, the only way to have a relationship with a holy God is to be holy ourselves – which just so happens to be impossible for sinners like us. – pg. 28
- Holiness is a daily invitation to come and die. Do you remember Jesus' words? "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23) – pg. 29
- Holiness is a journey where we follow Jesus, and as we do, we progressively get better and better at saying no to our flesh and yes to the ways and thoughts of Jesus. Holiness is simply choosing truth over lies. – pg. 29

WHAT ARE SOME BENEFITS OF HOLINESS??

- An increasingly intimate relationship with the Creator of the universe
- The future joy of a fifty-year marriage anniversary
- Peace that surpasses all understanding
- A family that loves each other and stays together (even if Thanksgiving might be a rollercoaster)
- The fulfilment that comes from living your life for the sake of others
- Purpose – having a calling from God
- The hope of eternal life
- Community that help carry your burdens

READ IT AND CHOOSE IT

- A holy life is not just about saying no to our flesh, it's about saying yes to true life. – pg. 31
- Even God's no is for our good. – pg. 32
- Sin is an intimacy killer. Grace is an intimacy saver. Holiness is an intimacy grower. – pg. 32
- It starts with knowing the truth, but it has to lead to choosing the truth in order to live a holy life. – pg. 33
- This is why reading the Bible daily is so important. You'll never choose the truth if you don't know it. And if you never choose it, then you'll never live it. You might know the truth, but you won't live free. – pg. 34

WHAT ARE SOME BENEFITS OF HOLINESS??

- When the devil lies to you and tells you that you will always be your old self and that your identity is tied up in your old ways, first of all, be encouraged, because bringing up your past means he's running out of new material. Then, remember: You fight the lie with the truth. "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Corinthians 5:17). – pg. 34
- And when the devil lies and says you are a victim, you fight with the truth: "But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57). – pg. 34

FIGHT FOR IT AND PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Fighting for your peace is worth it.

Fighting for your faithfulness is worth it.

Fighting for your joy is worth it.

Fighting for your purity is worth it.

Fighting for your marriage is worth it.

Fighting for your kids is worth it.

Fighting for your legacy is worth it.

Fighting for your holiness is worth it.

1. Go buy a small notebook.
2. Identify and write down the lie.
3. Then, expose it by writing the truth.

Lie: You should be stressed out about money. It's up to you to provide more for your growing family, and if you don't you are a failure because it's completely up to you.

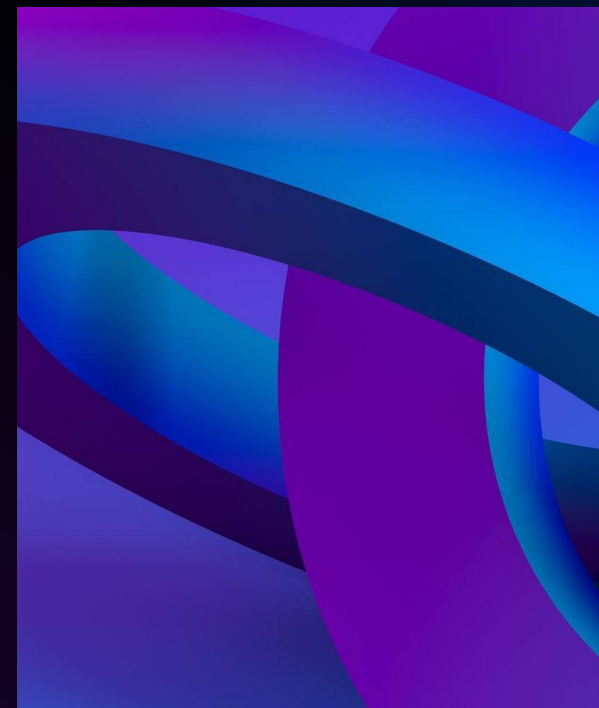
Truth: "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" (Matthew 6:26)

CHAPTER 2

GET GOOD A COMING HOME

GET GOOD AT COMING HOME

- “I think when we mess up spiritually, often our first reaction is not what it should be. We feel the shame. We feel the embarrassment. We feel the weight of our failure and we sit in it. We try to scheme our way out of the feelings. We spend some time driving around the neighborhood, trying to figure out the best way to handle the situation. We put ourselves in a spiritual time-out. WE do everything but the only thing that can truly solve the problem: come home. One of the most dangerous lies we could believe as followers of Jesus is that we have to wait to come home.” – pg. 42



GET GOOD AT COMING HOME

LUKE 15:20

- The father saw the son coming while he was a long way off. This implies that the father had been eagerly looking for the son, awaiting his return. Did you know that God would rather have a struggling son than no son at all? – pg. 43
- You should come home. Believers come home to the saved, but many resist coming home to be changed. True transformation can only happen through the presence of Jesus. Shame has no power to change a heart, but Jesus does. Time away from God won't fix the problem. Time with God will. – pg. 46
- Proverbs 24:16 says, "Though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again." – pg. 46

GET GOOD AT COMING HOME

- The habit we are really talking about in this chapter is repentance. My favorite definition of repentance is to turn away from something, and then turn toward something else. – pg. 47
- The habit of coming is the habit of turning from and turning to. We turn to Jesus, believing that the more we look at Him, the less we will want to look at what we are so easily tempted to look at. It's the habit of repenting our way into greater intimacy with Jesus. – pg. 48



FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS FOR COMING HOME.

1. Ask for forgiveness of the sin.
2. Accept his grace: Jesus forgives you.
3. Focus on the goodness of Jesus.



FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS FOR COMING HOME.

1. Invite God to search my heart.
2. Ask for forgiveness.
3. Accept the grace of Jesus by receiving His forgiveness.
4. Request a new heart.

FINAL TIPS & TAKEAWAYS

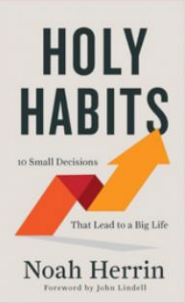
- Read God's Word Consistently
- God's Word helps us overcome the Devils lies
- Holiness provides several benefits from God
- Fight for those things that are important to you
- God wants us to come home and repent
- God not only loves us, He also likes us
- Repentance is when we turn from it and turn to God
- Turn to Jesus regardless of what the problem may be.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Antioch Baptist Church #2

FALL BOOK CLUB

OCTOBER 3, 2024 | 6:00PM



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Foreword by John Lindall

Meeting ID: 869 6808 8857
Passcode: HolyHabits

Pastor John P. Williams

Antioch Baptist Church #2

MEN'S NIGHT OUT FOOTBALL Watch Party

BRONCOS VS SAINTS

17 OCTOBER 2024 **6:30PM**

586 Antioch Church Rd. | Antioch Fellowship Hall

10th

YEAR PREACHING ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Honoring Pastor John P. Williams

Saturday October 19, 2024 | 6:00PM


Keynote Speaker
Dr. Clarence Hicks

\$25 per ticket

Ray Miller VFW Post 4858
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ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH #2

154TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Theme: "Unified Because we Believe"
Acts 2:44; 4:32

Special Guest
Dr. Ail R. Harris Jr.

Host Pastor
John P. Williams



586 Antioch Church Rd.
Pleasant Hill, La



Antioch Baptist Church #2

FUN, FOOD, CANDY, & GAMES FOR ALL

HALLELUJAH NIGHT TRUNK-N-TREAT

Location: Carver Gym

October 31, 2024 | 6:00PM

THANK YOU



Closing Prayer