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Sermon – Deception Destroying Families – Deception Series Week 1 of 5 - (To Honor Charlie Kirk)

Scripture – Mathew 24:4-5, John 8:44

Main Message – Standing against deception is the challenge of our generation and the only way to combat it is with truth: and Charlie Kirk died speaking the truth.

The famous question asked by me and answered properly by Arlen is, How do you know when you've been deceived? Answer – **You don't!**

Read Mathew 24:4-5. Jesus told his disciples and all who could read this scripture to be on guard so that we are not deceived. It's actually quite easy to deceive people. It is ridiculously simple. This is how scammers make money, how religious ministers exploit their congregation, how social media influencers garner attention, with false advertising and propaganda, and using inflammatory language at every turn to dehumanize others. Who are the false Christs today? Don't just think False Christians, but rather anything that supplants Christ being the focal point of ones life. These are the ungodly policies pushed in our local schools and all the way up to the universities. Higher Learning has now become a bastion of twisted logic repeated so many times that others believe it. Yes Charlie went to campuses to debate these things through calm, methodical, Christian values and wealth of statistics on hand. The students often times despised him for it, but of course some hearts were changed. From the position of authority our youth are deceived. From a distant memory of "Good Government" our elderly are deceived. Those busy working and raising a family are too busy, by design, to be on guard. The most valuable asset we are losing is the family and the chink in the armor is having a parent always being the caregiver and engaged with the child's wellbeing. Look at what the powers in high places have done. They have simultaneously made it so expensive to live that it is extremely difficult to have a parent home raising the child. They also make certain that childcare is off the charts expensive with government burdens. Naturally parents become so anxious to get their kids into school that now children 4 years old are being raised by the government system with fulltime Pre-K which begins the indoctrination. And if they are too rambunctious, we will drug them to calm them down, likely making them even more susceptible to indoctrination by the drug induced fog they are in.

Since the Garden of Eden, we have been deceived by unwholesome desire, and we fall for it because we want whatever it is we were promised. Jesus healed the sick, blind, lame. He taught about humility, love, repentance, forgiveness and all manner of truthful things. He was such a threat to the status quo that they killed him for it. It is illogical, but borders on psychotic irrationality that people would hate Jesus for what he preached and taught. Charlie didn't preach or teach or debate with people based on any of his own premises, but on the doctrine contained in the Bible and the example contained therein. It is no surprise that they killed him. Who is the They I just mentioned. It wasn't just a kid pulling a trigger, but the Evil Powers, Principalities and Authorities in High places that have twisted God's obvious truth for a lie that frustrates very nature. It's no wonder young people are in a rage these days. They are at war within themselves and have no foundation of truth to stand upon.

Read John 8:42-47. You see, even Jesus could not break through those who were corrupt at heart and understand truth when they heard it. This series is meant to wake us all up to the fact that we are living in a time Paul wrote to Timothy about in Ephesians 3:10-13, because he also lived in a time.

Here is a powerful question I will ask, "Who can stand against the lies and deception of this age AND serve the kingdom by spreading the Gospel of Truth?"

Your options are the following: Just go on being deceived allowing others to as well, or educate yourself so as not to be deceived but do nothing with that knowledge, or pick up your cross because Jesus is Lord and do what he says.