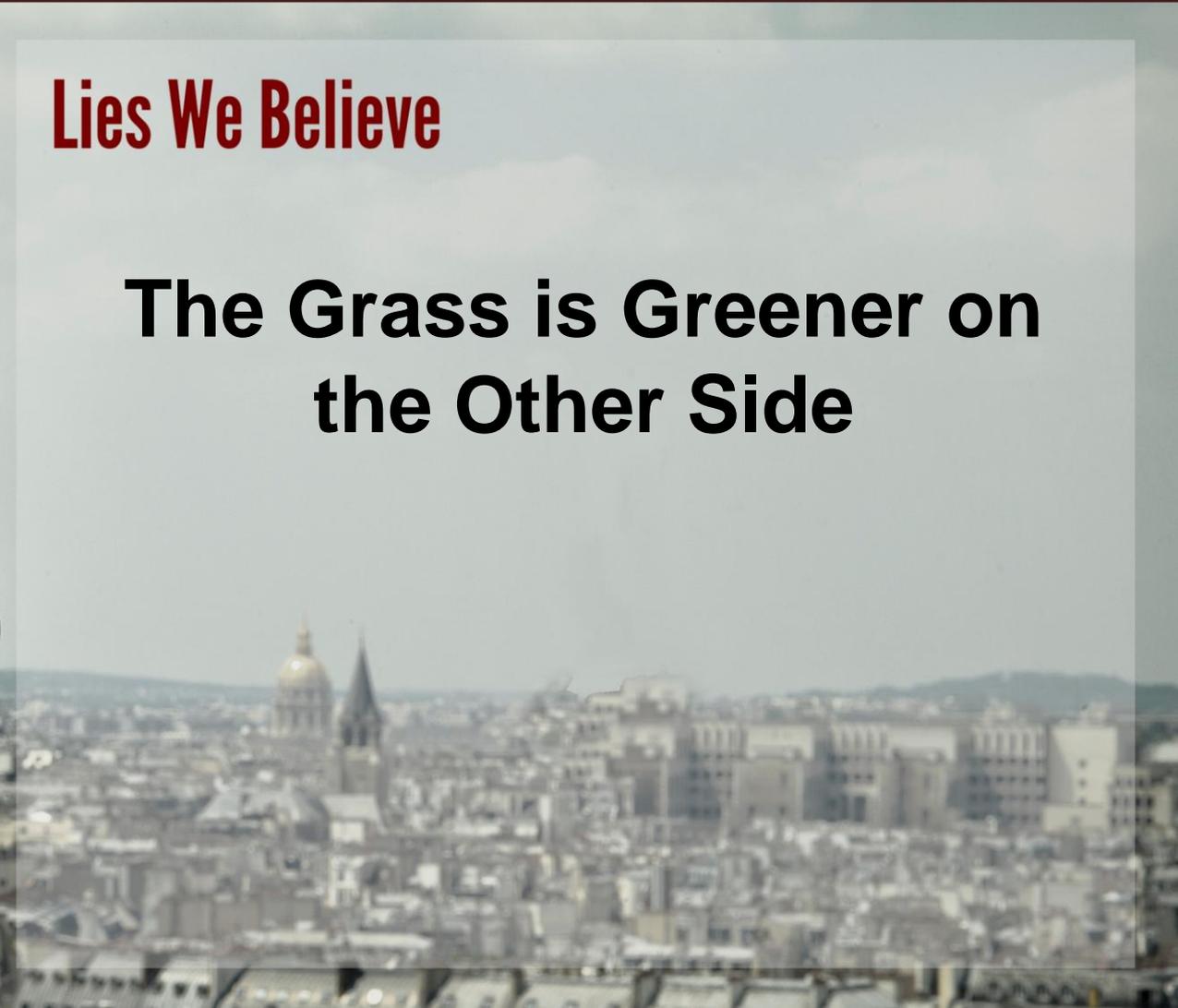




Lies We Believe

**The Grass is Greener on
the Other Side**





**If I only had _____,
then life would be good.**

Assumptions





Truth

**God's grace and power
trump health, wealth, and
ease.**



Ecclesiastes 5:10 (ESV)

He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity.



Ecclesiastes 12:13 (ESV)

**The end of the matter; all
has been heard.**

**Fear God and keep his
commandments, for this is
the whole duty of man.**



2 Corinthians 12:7-10

(ESV)

So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me



2 Corinthians 12:7-10

(ESV)

⁷from becoming conceited. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in



2 Corinthians 12:7-10

(ESV)

⁹“weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults,



2 Corinthians 12:7-10

(ESV)

**¹⁰hardships, persecutions,
and calamities. For when I
am weak, then I am strong.**



Hebrews 13:1-8 (ESV)

Let brotherly love continue.

²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them,



Hebrews 13:1-8 (ESV)

³and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and



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⁴adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” ⁶So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man



Hebrews 13:1-8 (ESV)

⁶do to me?” ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.



Truth

**God's grace and power
trump health, wealth, and
ease.**

**Contentment can be
learned.**



Philippians 4:11-13 (NLT)

Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to get along happily whether I have much or little. ¹²I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it



Philippians 4:11-13 (NLT)

¹²is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little.

¹³For I can do everything with the help of Christ who gives me the strength I need.

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Hebrews 13:5-6 (ESV)

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Hebrews 13:5-6 (ESV)

6“I will not fear; what can man do to me?”





“Creatures are not born with desires unless satisfaction for those desires exists. A baby feels hunger: well, there is such a thing as food. A duckling wants to swim: well, there is such a thing as water...If I find in myself a desire which no experience



in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world...Probably, earthly pleasures were not designed to fulfill it, but only to arouse it.” –CS Lewis