Hey! Thank you for the opportunity to be here. I’m very glad to have the chance to be part of this awesome week focused on God. I’ve been coming here since I was just a kid. Almost 20 years ago. I’ve had the privilege of coming here as a camper and for the last 14 years as guest speaker and staff. My name is Craig Hellinger and I want you to know right off the bat I’m going to lie to you.

 I’d like to start with a funny story, no this isn’t the part that I’m going to lie to you about. This part is 100% true. I kicked my own butt a couple weeks ago with a smoke alarm. Yep. So, we we’re cooking dinner and I use the smoke alarm as a timer. It started going off so I took it down off the wall while we ate and the smoke cleared. After dinner I went to put it back up on the wall. But unlike everything else in America, my smoke alarm isn’t righty tighty lefty losey. An important piece of information I didn’t realize. So I slap this thing back on the wall twist it to the right and let go. That thing comes flying off the wall and hits me right in the nose. And being naturally gifted with great judgement and quick reflexes I didn’t want it to fall and break so I tried to catch it. With my face. Again. But this time with more a little more force by slamming it back into my face with my other hand. I hit myself with it hard enough that it took the hide right off my nose. Literally there was skin stuck to the smoke alarm. But it didn’t hit the floor haha!

 Right away it started bleeding pretty bad. And continued for about an hour. My wife in between giggles is trying to help me to get the bleeding stopped. At one point she goes “We might need to go the ER” And I was like there is no way in the world I am going to the emergency room and telling them I just kicked my own butt with a smoke alarm!

 So there’s your funny true story for the day. Now it’s time to lie to y’all for a bit. You’ve spent the day talking about absolute truths. One of Satan’s greatest deceptions is that there is no absolute truth. When Satan was in the garden of Eden he didn’t start out with straight lies he eased into by planting a little misinformation. In Genesis 3 he said Did God really say not to eat that fruit? He was kind of testing the waters a little right? Then he outright lied and said you won’t die.

 There is so much of this misinformation being shoved onto you right now it’s hard to tell what is truth and what is not. You’re being fed lies about how you should dress. How you should talk. What you should believe in. What music is cool and what isn’t. How your body should look. Racism, gun laws, what to eat, who to be, where to go, what to do with your life, how to obtain money and happiness.

 How do we tell what’s true and what’s not? Who do we believe and who do we ignore.

 Some would say well trust the experts? Sounds smart right? Well let’s use global warming as an example. Now let me tell you why I’m qualified to talk about this. First I googled all my information and formed a one sided opinion so I clearly know what I’m talking about. Haha Actually I do know a few things about heat energy transfer, the laws of thermodynamics and enthalpy. That has to do with humidity, barometric pressure and temperature. I hold 12 or so certifications in everything from Advanced HVAC-refrigeration to duct draft and design to heat load calculation. That last one is important for this example. I’ve worked in this industry of heat transfer as a technician for over 15 years. So I’d kinda say I know what I’m talking about when it comes heat.

 So the earth is warming up right? Now the misinformation being pushed on to you is that humans are at fault because we’re burning coal and driving cars. But I’m going to tell you the truth. Actually I’m going to lie to you but whatever. The true reason the earth is warming up is golfers. Don’t laugh it’s true. I’ll back it up with some data for ya. For starters every golfer has at least 12 clubs. These are made out of a metal alloy that takes up to .122 btu to raise the temperature 1 degree Fahrenheit. Side note a btu is a British thermal unit. Based on the average steel specific gravity that’s 244 btu per 30 minutes totaling out to be 7,320 btu per club and since each golfer has 12 clubs that is 87,840 btu per golf club set. Please keep in mind that’s more than the furnace that heats my house.

 Now how often do you see a golfer walking? After all it’s an older gentlemen’s sport. So they they drive a golf cart instead. Now I think we can recognize the different parts of a golf cart. You’ve got plastic, metal, leather, vinyl, they produce CO and they contain lithium ion batteries that can’t even break down in a standard landfill. All totaled that turns out to be 3.75 million btu to produce and run for the average golf cart life of 12 years.

 Then we have these crazy golfing outfits. Ya got cleats, fancy pants, shirts with collars and those ridiculous hats. All being produced thanks to farm equipment, transportation vehicles, chemicals and electricity. Don’t even get me started on golf balls which take about 2,000 btu each to make. Then ya got drinks, field maintenance, gofer control measures.

 Which all totaled brings the grand total of btu’s to 3,854,025 per golfer. Across the planet there are an estimated 24 million golfers according to the NPGA website. So when someone ask what’s truly causing global warming. It’s not carbon monoxide being produced via coal fired plants, over use of plastics. It’s actually golfers. Take that polar bears and you adorable little penguins.

 There you have it. Golfers ruining the world, sounded ok right? Makes a little sense? I’m an expert in my field with over 15 years experience. I backed up my proposed hypothesis with data and examples. It was produced after 25 minutes of google related searches, 15 of which were while I was on the treadmill. All packaged up with a neat little bow right on top. And all of it complete hog wash. Misinformation that looks and sounds good but really just distracts away from the real truth.

 This is one of satan’s weapons. To make us believe that there can’t be a real truth. There is no standard for us to base our lives on. Or to compare this world too. But I’m here to tell you that’s wrong. We can still turn to a source that is unwavering truth. God’s word. Listen to these bible verses about God’s word.

In [**Hebrews 4:12**](http://www.biblica.com/en-us/bible/online-bible/niv/hebrews/4/) 12For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

God’s word is alive and active. It is the standard for our lives. Capable of judging thoughts and attitudes.

Proverbs 3:5-6

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**5**Trust in the Lord with all your heart
    and lean not on your own understanding;
**6**in all your ways submit to him,
    and he will make your paths straight.

We need to put our trust in God, the alpha and the omega. Not into media sights or trends that come and go. But in the one true God. Can someone explain to me why acid wash jean bibs are coming back around? It’s so weird.

And finally

# Psalm 119:9-11

# New International Version

**9**How can a young person stay on the path of purity?
    By living according to your word.
**10**I seek you with all my heart;
    do not let me stray from your commands.
**11**I have hidden your word in my heart
    that I might not sin against you.

Hide God’s word in your heart. Seek Him with all your heart so we can be sure not to stray from the path.

 Y’all misinformation is every where. But we have an absolute truth that can help us guide our lives, that will protect our hearts, our souls and our minds. God’s word. By spending more time in God’s word we grow closer to Him and become better able to judge what is true and what is not. I want to look at one last verse that you’ve heard a dozen times I’m sure but can be life changing.

Romans 12:2 **2**Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Don’t give into misinformation being pedal by people that don’t care about you but instead seek an absolute truth. God’s word