The image features a landscape of mountains under a starry night sky. The mountains are rendered in various shades of blue, creating a sense of depth and atmosphere. A small silhouette of a person is visible on a ridge in the foreground. The text is centered and reads: 

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Exodus 21:24-25, "eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe."

# Dt 21 The rebellious child law



**Acts 18:9-10** "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city."

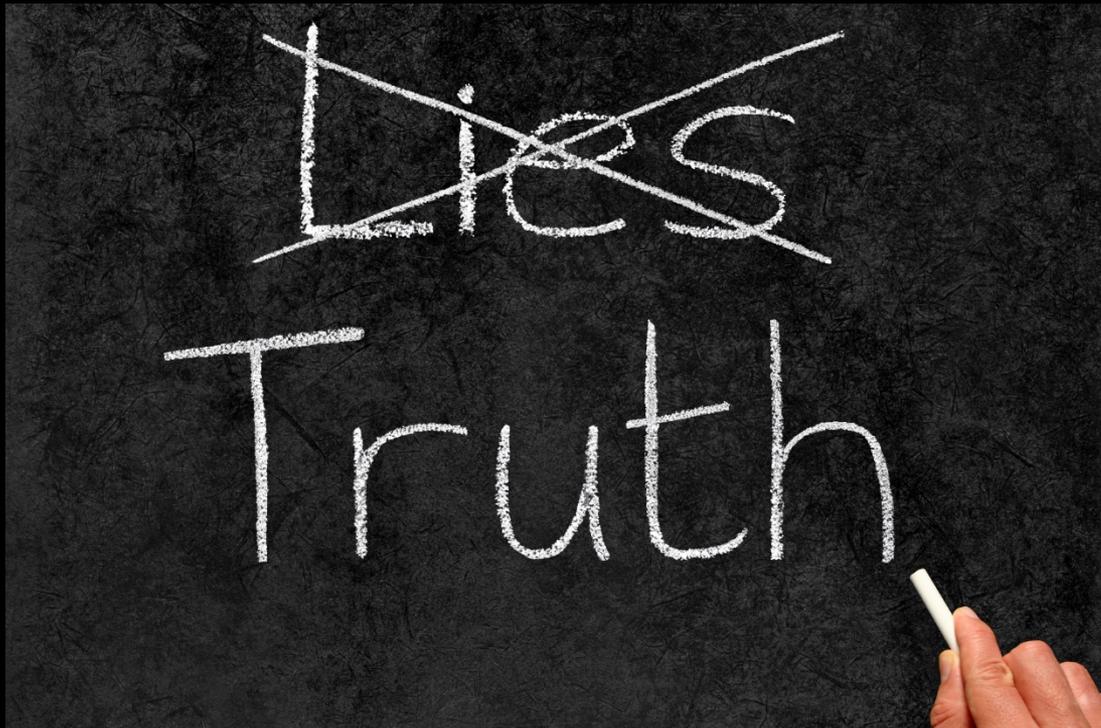
**2 Cor 10:7** "Stop looking at outward appearances. If anyone is confident that he is Christ's, let him remind himself that just as he is Christ's, so also are we."

**John 2:23-25** “Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.”

**John 8:31-32** “So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

**V33** “They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

V37 “you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you”



**John 14:6** “I am the way, the truth and the life”.

**John 8:36** “if the Son sets you free, you shall be free indeed.”

**V39-43** “They answered him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing what Abraham did, but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. You are doing what your father did.” They said to him, “We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God.” Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word.””

V44-47 “You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

**V45** - Because they loved the lie and not the truth. Jesus calls it like it is and simply says **V47** “the people of God will receive the word of God”.

**John 7:17** “If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God”

**John 10:26-27** “You do not believe because you are not part of my flock. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

## V48-59

“The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” 49 Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ..... “Now we know that you have a demon! ..... 55 But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” 57 So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” 58 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” 59 So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

Are we slaves or are we free?  
How is our response to truth?

