The Land of Maybe– James 5:12
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James 5:12
"Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple "Yes" or "No." Otherwise you will be condemned."

Matthew 5:33-37
"Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.' 34 But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. 36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. 37 All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one."

Ephesians 4:29
"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

Practical Application

Don't write a check that you can't cash

Luke 22:33-34
"But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."34 Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."

Mind the gap between what you say and what you do

Luke 6:45
"For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of."

Avoid the seduction of "maybe"

- Say YES to your church family

1 Corinthians 12:12-14
"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many."

- Say YES to your family
- Say YES to your Father

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