LYING, PERHAPS

Michael Flynn, a former military officer and President Trump's one-time national security advisor, has admitted to being paid for a speech he gave in 2015 to the Russian government's propaganda media arm. Last Sunday CNN reported that Flynn had been warned in 2014 that such speeches were illegal. In addition, he did not properly disclose the payments for his speech. Flynn has proclaimed his innocence, but offered to testify to congressional committees in exchange for immunity.

TELLING THE TRUTH, DEFINITELY

We're accustomed to public figures denying their wrongdoing even though they may eventually be found to have been lying. Jonah showed a refreshing level of honesty when he readily admitted to the sailors that their life-threatening situation was his fault. Lying might have saved him at least for the moment, but he chose the path of honesty, whatever its cost.

1. Why do people lie, even though the truth will eventually be discovered?
2. What other contemporary examples can you offer of lying resulting in serious consequences?
3. What examples can you think of in the Bible when lying brought dire consequences?
4. Even though Jonah was running away from the Lord, what part do you think his fear of God played in his decision to confess his sin?
5. In your experience, how have you seen truth-telling to be the best course of action, even despite possible negative consequences?

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