

# *Twisted*

## “All Is Not What It Appears To Be”

### Why Do I & Others Sometimes Make Twisted Decisions?

#### 1. Because there is an unseen world that impacts our seen world.

- **John 8:43-47:** *“Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. <sup>44</sup>You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. <sup>45</sup>Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! <sup>46</sup>Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? <sup>47</sup>He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.”*

#### 2. Because the evil one, Satan, exercises enormous authority & power.

- **John 14:30:** *“I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me.”*
- **Luke 4:5-7:** *“The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And he said to him, ‘I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. <sup>7</sup>So if you worship me, it will all be yours.’”*
- **Eph. 2:1-2:** *“As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup>in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.”*

#### 3. Because I am unprepared for Satan’s strategies & not battle ready.

- **Eph. 6:10-12:** *“Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”*