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# DNA SURPRISE

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<sup>43</sup> Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. <sup>44</sup> 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 does not stand in 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. <sup>45</sup> But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. <sup>46</sup> Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me?

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“As he was saying these things, many believed in him.”



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- **What does this kind of confidence look like?**
  - Humble assurance
  - Hold our lives to the full picture of faith revealed in God's Word
  - Partake of the joy of being connected to Jesus

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The Jews depended on their religious heritage connection for salvation.

We collectively point one another to Jesus alone for salvation.

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# Enthralled with everything about Jesus

- Eternal God
- Became a human
- Born of a virgin
- Lived a perfect, holy life
- Loved sinners
- Perfectly patient, wise, compassionate, truthful
- Lovingly took on the wrath of God on our behalf
- Rose from the dead
- Seated at the right hand of God
- Ready to make everything perfect



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## Romans 9:6-8

<sup>6</sup> But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, <sup>7</sup> and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but 'Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.' <sup>8</sup> This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring.

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  - Joyfully listen and obey

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- **Lovingly, boldly encourage those who may be deceived about who their father is**