

## Session 17

The art of the con is to persuade (someone) to do or believe something, typically by use of a deception. In our digital age we all have to keep our guard up and be on the lookout for con artist. People try to con others out of their money, out of their security, even out of their identity. Thinking about the pages of scripture as being part of an elaborate con may be easy or difficult for you depending on where you stand on scripture. I appreciate J. Warner Wallace in session 17 of Think Like a Detective for his skill and tact in debunking the con man or imposter theory. Questions are critical to debunking the con. If a person were to come to your door today and ask for money for food, would you generously and without hesitation oblige them in their request? Would you begin to ask some questions? Who are you? Where are you going? Where have you been? How many mouths are there to feed? Do you have any food allergies? So the last one is just for fun, but understandably the person asking for the food is going to need to provide a little more information. What if, you have a bag of non perishable items ready for someone in need? The offer is made to the person in question and they refuse, stating "I only eat hot meals," then you've gotten to the heart of the scam. Their original request should have been for money only, without the stipulation for food. Exodus 3:14 tells us God calls himself I AM, meaning He is whom He says He is and He will do what He says He will do. Jesus...John 1 we learn that in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, later we read the Word became flesh (Jesus). No imposters, no counterfeits will do. Keep asking valid questions about the nature of God and the work of Christ and you will get your answers in scripture.