

GOD IS TRUTH

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Truth: *fundamental moral and personal quality of God; faithfulness to a standard; that which is constant and unchangeable; the quality or nature of being true, exact, honest, sincere, loyal; that which is real or actual.*

True: *agreeing with fact; real, genuine; constant; right, correct; steady (as in direction or force), unchanging.*

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<p>1 Kings 17:8-24</p> <p>Then the word of the LORD came to him: ⁹ "Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food." ¹⁰ So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" ¹¹ As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread." ¹² "As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die." ¹³ Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.'"</p> <p><i>Continued</i></p>			

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<p>1 Kings 17:8-24 - continued</p> <p>¹⁵ She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family.</p> <p>¹⁶ For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.</p> <p>¹⁷ Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. ¹⁸ She said to Elijah, "What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?"</p> <p>¹⁹ "Give me your son," Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. ²⁰ Then he cried out to the LORD, "LORD my God, have you brought tragedy even on this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?" ²¹ Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried out to the LORD, "LORD my God, let this boy's life return to him!"</p> <p>²² The LORD heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived.</p> <p>²³ Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive!"</p> <p>²⁴ Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD from your mouth is the truth."</p>			

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<p>Psalm 25:1-7</p> <p>In you, LORD my God, I put my trust.</p> <p>² I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.</p> <p>³ No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.</p> <p>⁴ Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.</p> <p>⁵ Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.</p> <p>⁶ Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.</p> <p>⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good.</p>			
<p>John 8:31-32</p> <p>To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."</p>			

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<p>John 14:1-6</p> <p>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God^a; believe also in me. ²My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going.”</p> <p>⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”</p> <p>⁶Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.</p> <p><i>a. Or “Believe in God”</i></p>			
<p>John 16:13</p> <p>But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.</p>			

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<p>Ephesians 4:14-25</p> <p>Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. ¹⁷ So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. ¹⁹ Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.</p> <p>²⁰ That, however, is not the way of life you learned ²¹ when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.</p> <p><i>Continued</i></p>			

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Ephesians 4:14-25 - continued ²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.			
What other scriptures come to mind?			

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Reflections

Isaiah 45:19

Philippians 4:8-9

Think of a time when someone spoke God's truth to you in love. Think of a time when you were called to speak truth in love to someone. What were the results? Which one was/is more difficult for you?

Tell of a time when dwelling on what is true and praiseworthy set you free from a worrying situation and brought you peace. What truth or scripture did you dwell on?

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Lecture Notes

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Prayer Requests
