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**BRINGING THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD
INTO EVERY CORNER OF EVERY LIFE**

Psalm 19:7-11 & Ephesians 4

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VISION STATEMENT

Bringing the Truth of God's Word into every corner of every life.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to joyfully live as the people of God by bringing the Truth of His Word into every corner of every life—in our personal lives, our families, our church, our communities, and our world—through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the love of Jesus Christ, unto the glory of God.

JOYFULLY LIVE AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD BY
BRINGING THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD INTO
EVERY CORNER OF EVERY LIFE

Does the TRUTH OF GOD bring joy to you and the people around you?

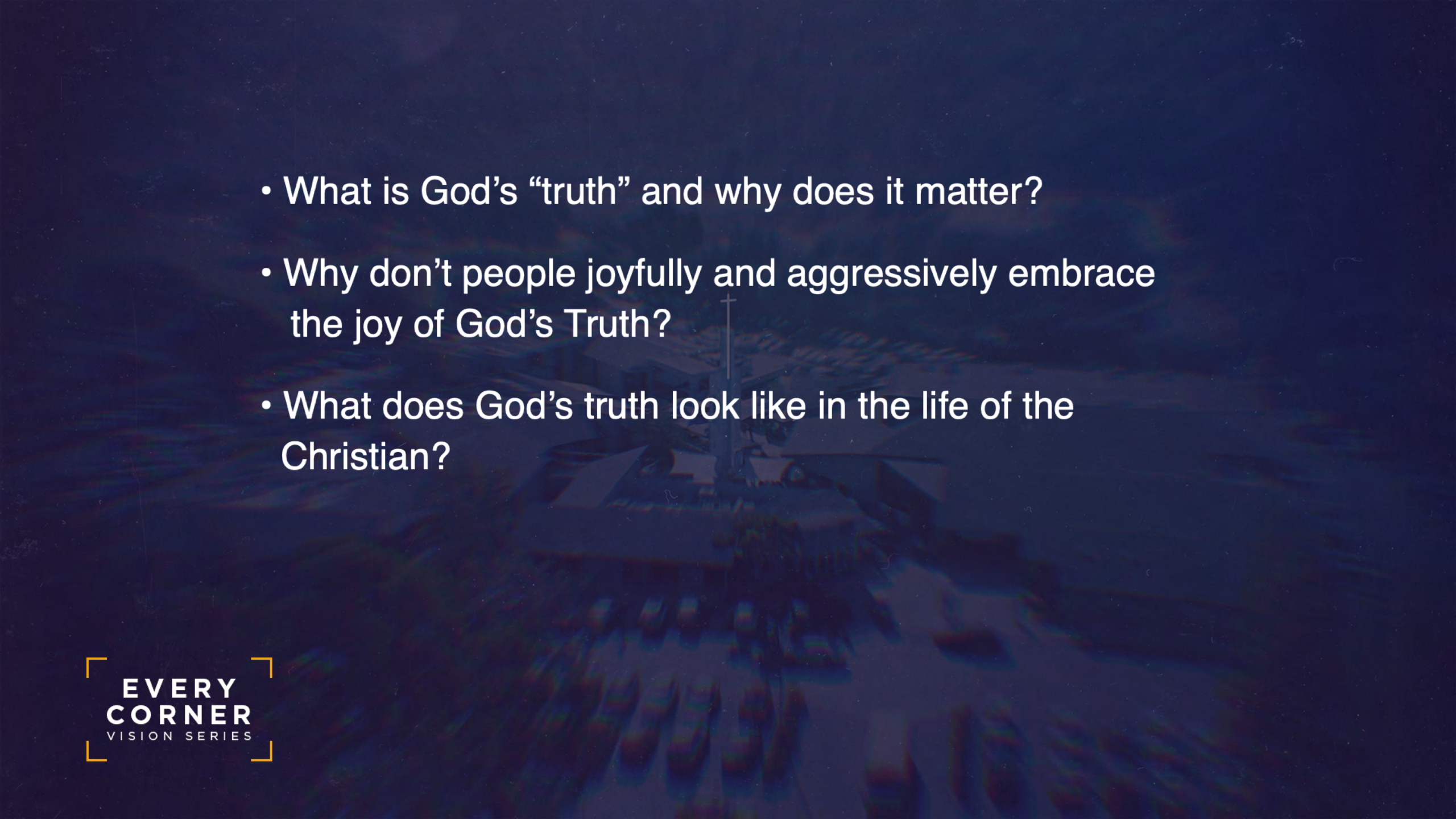
Does the TRUTH matter?

¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

Romans 1:18

²⁵because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

Romans 1:25

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- What is God’s “truth” and why does it matter?
 - Why don’t people joyfully and aggressively embrace the joy of God’s Truth?
 - What does God’s truth look like in the life of the Christian?

¹⁵if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.

1 Timothy 3:15

We are declaring by our Vision Statement that we want to be a church defined, directed, and determined by the TRUTH of God's Written Word.

²⁴ Jesus said to them, “Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God?”

Mark 12:24

It is our declaration that God's written Word is the source of what we need to know about everything.

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the
simple;

Psalms 19:7

“The law of the LORD...”

It is the explanation of God’s rule over human life. It is not suggestion, opinion, or option. It is the settled “truth” over which everything else is measured.

“is perfect”

It is complete, sufficient, lacking nothing. It gives everything we need to know from God on how to live, what is true and what is a lie, how to receive God’s blessing and avoid judgement.

“refreshing the soul”

The TRUTH of God’s Word totally transforms, makes new, “refreshes” the inner person. This is where the old phrase “born again” Christian” comes from.

“The statutes of the Lord”

The self revelation of the Lord, the truth God wants us to know, the testimony of the Lord.

“are trustworthy”

Because it is TRUTH, given by God, it can be trusted.
It is a “sure” word from God.

“making wise the simple”

Simple— picture of an open door, naive, unexperienced, undiscerning.

“I want to keep an open mind” - everything comes in, everything goes out because I don't know when to shut the door.

The TRUTH of God's Word gives us the ability to discern (make judgment about) what is true from God's perspective and what is not, what to let in and what not to let in.

⁸the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening
the eyes;

Psalms 19:8

“The precepts of the Lord”

This is doctrine, theo-logical TRUTH, the concepts that direct our lives and define what is TRUE from God’s perspective.

“are right”

The idea here is “the right way, a right path.” “This is the way, walk in it.” “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

God’s Word tells us the propositions that will give guidance to Godly living.

“giving joy to the heart”

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⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

1 John 1:4

²⁸But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

Luke 11:28

¹Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments!

Psalms 112:1

They will not fear bad news nor live in the dread of what may happen. They are settled in their mind that Jehovah will take care of them.

“The commands of the Lord are radiant”

“Sin will take you further than you ever intended to stray, will keep you longer than you ever intended to stay, cost you more than you ever intended to pay.”

God’s word is enriching, giving clarity. His commands lead to life and blessing.

“giving light to the eyes”

You will never live in the joy and victory of God’s promises unless you understand and submit to His purposes.

⁹the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

Psalms 19:9

“The fear of the Lord is pure”

“The fear of the Lord is pure”

Living in the awe of God leads to a pure life.

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¹⁴You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

Leviticus 19:14

“the decrees of the Lord are firm”

The TRUTH of God’s Word is faithful.

²⁴“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

Matthew 7:24-25

“and all of them are righteous.”

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Psalms 19:10

- The TRUTH of God in His Word is your most valuable possession.
- The TRUTH of God in His Word is your sweetest pleasure.
- The promises of Scripture are more valuable than anything; the commands bring joy when obeyed.

¹¹Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Psalms 19:11

When we know and obey the TRUTH of God's Written Word, we will be protected from error and disaster and we will know the blessings of God's approval and direction.

¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Colossians 3:15

**Why don't people want to bring God's truth
to every corner of their lives?**

¹⁷Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must **no longer** walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.

Ephesians 4:17-19



**Description of those who
are not born of God.**

1. We were futile in our thinking.

¹⁴The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

1 Corinthians 2:14

WE THOUGHT WE WERE THE SOURCE
AND DEFINER OF TRUTH AND REJECTED
GOD'S TRUTH.

Description of those who are not born of God.

2. We were darkened in our understanding.

This is spiritual blindness. Before God gave us spiritual birth, we could not see nor understand the TRUTH of God.

²¹For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Romans 1:21

¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.

Ephesians 4:18

Before God gives us new birth, we have no desire for or ability to live the TRUTH of God, we are taken captive by the lies of Satan.

⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2 Corinthians 4:4

Salvation is being given a new mind that thinks the TRUTH of God and leads us to repentance – A change of mind about my relationship with God.

**Description of those who
are not born of God.**

3. We had lost all sensitivity to God and given ourselves over to sensuality.

We are apathetic to the TRUTH of God, we did not care about what God said, or believed the consequences He declared would result from living in Satan's lie.

Description of those who
are not born of God.

4. We has a reprobate mind, given over to
sensuality, impurity and greed.

*The lies of sin and the promises of Satan are of more
value and credibility than God's TRUTH.*

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—
³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Ephesians 2:1-3

⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

Ephesians 2:4-5

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

New mind, new will, new heart, new power, new knowledge, new wisdom, new understanding, new life, new inheritance, new love, new desire, new citizenship...

**NEWNESS OF LIFE
CHRIST LIVING IN ME**

²⁰But that is not the way you learned Christ!—
²¹assuming that you have heard about him and were
taught in him, as the TRUTH is in Jesus,
Ephesians 4:20-21

Psalm 19:7-11 is not just a series of verses, it is the basis for your life, you cherish God's TRUTH and have the ability to discern the TRUTH from error.

HOW DO WE LIVE THE TRUTH OF GOD?

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²²to **PUT OFF** your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and to be renewed in the **SPIRIT OF YOUR MINDS,** ²⁴**AND TO PUT ON THE NEW SELF, CREATED AFTER THE LIKENESS OF GOD IN TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HOLINESS.**

Ephesians 4:22-24

**WE LIVE AND THINK BIBLICALLY
ABOUT EVERYTHING.**

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²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

Ephesians 4:25

1.

PUT OFF

Lying

Cheating

Failure to keep promise

Exaggeration

Silence when truth needed

Betrayal of confidence

Flattery

PUT ON

TRUTH living

Honesty

Keep promises

Pure truth

Courage to speak truth

Never betray

Godly encouragement

²⁸Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

Ephesians 4:28

2.

PUT OFF

Stealing

Where am I a thief?

What do I need to stop doing?

What has caused me to steal?

PUT ON

Giving

Where can I be a giver?

What do I need to start doing?

What will cause me to give?

²⁹Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Ephesians 4:29

3.

PUT OFF

Unwholesome talk

To people

About people

PUT ON

Beneficial talk

To people

About people

³Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; keep watch
over the door of my lips!

Psalms 141:3

1. An exercise in putting off and putting on

Dealing with unwholesome talk

What do I say that is unwholesome?

- *Do a personal evaluation.*
- *Ask the key people in your life.*
- *Keep a record of things that disappoint you concerning your talk or having caused hurt.*
- *Get someone to record your conversation without you knowing, play it back.*

2. Confess the sinfulness of your talk to God and ask Him to help you take every thought captive to Christ so your conversations come out of your new heart.

- *Would I talk like this to Jesus Christ?*
- *Is my talk encouraging others with the TRUTH of God's Word?*
- *What about my talk does not build others up according to their need?*
- *What subjects and words do I need to edit from my conversation?*

3. What do I need to do to replace unwholesome talk with talk that blesses people and pleases God?

- *I WILL to visualize the door of my mouth and not open it until I am sure God is in control of what comes out.*
- *I WILL replace the subjects and words that are unwholesome with subjects and words that are.*
- *I WILL to ask close friends to be my spiritual editors. I give them permission to stop my conversations.*

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or
disputing,

Philippians 2:14

¹⁶Rejoice always,

1 Thessalonians 5:16

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Quality of life that springs from absolute unshakable confidence that my perfect Heavenly Father controls everything and nothing can overthrow His promises and purposes.

⁴⁵The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Luke 6:45

Do you see it? Do you want to bring the **TRUTH**
of God's Word into every corner of your life?

Do you desire to live as a new creation Christian?

Do you need to recommit yourself to that goal?