



Day 3: Grace in Disagreement

Know it!

Ephesians 4:15-16

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

1 Peter 3:15-16

but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

When engaging with those who hold different beliefs, we're called to speak "the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15) and to give an answer for our hope "with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15). This balance of truth and grace is at the heart of effective apologetics. Effective apologetics isn't just about having the right answers; it's about delivering them in the right way. Reflect on a recent conversation where you discussed matters of faith. Did you prioritize winning the argument or winning the person? Ask God to help you see others as He does—individuals created in His image, worthy of respect and kindness. How might our evangelistic efforts be impacted if we consistently viewed non-believers as 'spiritually blind' rather than adversaries?

Live it! Share it!

- Today, examine your heart. Are you more concerned with being right or with genuinely helping others understand God's truth? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you balance conviction with kindness in your conversations about faith.
- Practice articulating your beliefs with both conviction and compassion, remembering that our ultimate goal is to point others to Christ's love.

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