

# The Gift of Truth

## The Gifts of Christmas: Part 4

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*"The Word became flesh and took up residence among us. We observed His glory, the glory as the One and Only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14, HCSB)*

### 4 Factors That Influence My Perception of Truth:

- EXPERIENCES
- EMOTIONS
- EDUCATION
- ENVIRONMENT

*"Jesus told him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'" (John 14:6, NLT)*

### Jesus Revealed Truth through:

#### **T** OUCHING LIVES

*"People were bringing little children to [Jesus], for him to touch them... Then he embraced them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing." (Mark 10:13,16, NJB)*

#### TOUCHING SOMEONE BRINGS COMFORT

#### **R** ELATING TO HUMANITY

*"But [Jesus] emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming as human beings are; and being in every way like a human being," (Philippians 2:7, NJB)*

*"[God] supports us in every hardship, so that we are able to come to the support of others, in every hardship of theirs because of the encouragement that we ourselves receive from God." (2 Corinthians 1:4, NJB)*

#### RELATING TO SOMEONE BRINGS ENCOURAGEMENT

#### **U** NCOVERING THE REAL NEED

*"Seeing how much faith they had, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, 'My son, your sins are forgiven.'" (Mark 2:5, GNB)*

EXPOSING THE REAL NEED TO SOMEONE BRINGS CLARITY

**ACTION:** SUPPLY A DIAPER BAG

**T** ELLING THE TRUTH

*“Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot be in God’s kingdom.”” (John 3:3, NCV)*

TELLING SOMEONE THE TRUTH BRINGS CONVICTION

**ACTION:** INVITE TO CANDLELIGHT.

**H** OLDING PEOPLE UP IN PRAYER

*“I am not praying just for these followers. I am also praying for everyone else who will have faith because of what my followers will say about me.” (John 17:20, CEV)*

*“They do not believe, because their minds have been kept in the dark by the evil god of this world. He keeps them from seeing the light shining on them, the light that comes from the Good News about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.” (2 Corinthians 4:4, GNB)*

HOLDING PEOPLE UP IN PRAYER BRINGS ILLUMINATION

**ACTION:** PRAYER FOR CANDLELIGHT SERVICES