

SPEAK THE TRUTH

"I testify that He is the Chosen One of God."

Matthew

^{3:1-2} In those days John the Baptist came to the Judean wilderness and began preaching. His message was,

**"Repent of your sins and turn to God,
for the Kingdom of Heaven is near."**

Be CLEAR.

Truth: The Gospel is SIMPLE in it's purest form.

Jesus said, "You Hypocrites! You shut the door on the Kingdom of heaven in peoples faces!" Matthew 23:13

3 Sermons of John the Baptist.

- **Jesus is the MESSIAH we've been waiting for.**
- **Jesus is the ONLY way to make peace with God.**
- **Jesus is the MASTER worth following.**

Be CONFIDENT.

Luke

^{3:21-22} One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, "You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy."

John

1:29-34 The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "**Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!** He is the one I was talking about when I said, 'A man is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.'"

I did not recognize him as the Messiah, but I have been baptizing with water so that he might be revealed to Israel. Then John testified, "I saw the Holy Spirit descending like a dove from heaven and resting on him. I didn't know he was the one, but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'

I saw this happen to Jesus, so
"**I testify that he is the Chosen One of God.**"

**Truth: There is nothing more powerful
than your PERSONAL testimony.**

Q: What do you KNOW to be true about God?

Be COMPELLING.

Mark

6:20 Herod respected John and knew that he was a good and holy man. Herod was greatly disturbed when he talked with John, but even so, **he liked to listen to him.**

**Truth: People value what you SAY
when they see how you LIVE.**

Questions and Actions.

Q: If we polled 10 of your closest friends -
what is "***The Message***" that you're known for?

Q: Why are you tempted to avoid ***Speaking the Truth***?

- I don't want to be offensive.
- I don't know what to say.
- It's easier to be silent.
- Other _____.

Q: If you were ***confident*** that God had
given you a message - would you share it?

Prayer : "Father, thank you for sending your son Jesus to reveal ***The Truth*** to us all, and thank you for giving us the scriptures that provide truth for every area of Life. Help me to do the hard work of knowing and sharing the truth with those around me. And mostly - fill me with your Love so the truth will be compelling to others."

Action :

- Have the ***one conversation*** that you've been avoiding. (*pray first*)