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SPEAKING THE TRUTH

IN LOVE

1. The Risk

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2. The Antidote

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Tim Chester

Love without truth is like doing heart surgery with a wet fish.
But truth without love is like doing heart surgery with a
hammer.

Turtles and Cowboys



James 5:19-20

My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, 20 let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Paul Tripp

The truth is that we fail to confront, not because we love others too much, but because we love ourselves too much. We fear others misunderstanding us or being angry with us. We are afraid of what others might think. We don't want to endure the hardships of honesty because we love ourselves more than we love our neighbours.

Ray Ortlund

I once heard Francis Schaeffer say that if he had a conversation with a liberal theologian he would hope that his theological opponent would walk away with two equally dominant impressions: Francis Schaeffer really disagrees with him, and Francis Schaeffer really cares for him.

Indian Proverb

Once you've cut off a person's nose, there's no point giving them a rose to smell.

Allan Jacobs

... the blogosphere is the friend of information but the enemy of thought.

3. The Endgame

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A Note on Repentance and Restitution

And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." 9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:8–10

God Always Speaks Truth in Love

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16–17