

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: The Start of Something New
Message: The Truth Looks Different
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It is easy to say we have a high regard for truth. Think about the number of people who express admiration for the Bible but seldom, if ever, read it. Jesus isn't interested in our feelings as much as our following.

Take a few minutes and carefully read the following passages. Ask God to help you consider what you are reading and how you can make it a part of your life.

¹⁹ Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. ²⁰ Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. ²¹ So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.

²² But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. ²³ For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. ²⁴ You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. ²⁵ But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

James 1:19–25 (NLT)

⁹ How can a young person stay pure?

By obeying your word.

¹⁰ I have tried hard to find you—

don't let me wander from your commands.

¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart,

that I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:9–11 (NLT)

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

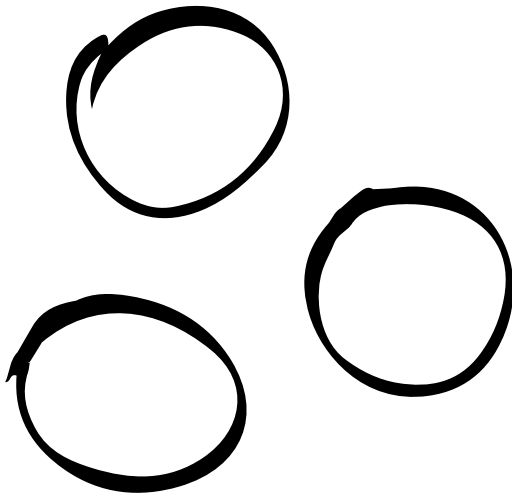
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MESSAGE NOTES



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truth (def): that which conforms to fact and reality without error



Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

John 14:6 (NLT)

Many are seen as authorities. Jesus backs up His claim by His resurrection.

¹⁶ And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. ¹⁸ In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! ¹⁹ And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world. ²⁰ But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:16–20 (NLT)

True followers of Jesus work to follow His teaching.

³¹ Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. ³² And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8:31–32 (NLT)

Building our lives on God's truth isn't easy or automatic.

³ For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will reject the truth and chase after myths.

2 Timothy 4:3–4 (NLT)

God's Word is the foundation for building a God-honoring life.

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:2 (NLT)