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16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: 17 And **IF CHRIST BE NOT RAISED, YOUR FAITH IS VAIN**; ye are yet in your sins. 18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. 1 Corinthians 15

Where We've Been, What We've Been Up to & Where We're Headed Next . . .

- January 7—Country Bible Church, Dusty, WA (Hippe)
- January 14—Country Bible Church, Dusty, WA (Pabst)
- January 21—Christ Fellowship, Spokane Valley, WA (Hippe)
- February 4—Country Bible Church, Dusty, WA (Hippe)
- February 11, 18, 25—Country Bible Church, Dusty, WA (Morris)
- March 3—Country Bible Church, Dusty, WA (Papst)
- March 10—Country Bible Church, Dusty, WA (Hippe)
- March 3, 10—New Hope Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA (Morris)
- March 17, 24, 31 Country Bible Church, Dusty, WA (Morris)
- March 31—Mending Fences Fellowship, Spokane, WA (Hippe)



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PILATE ERROR

Pilot error is the major cause of aviation accidents. The result of pilot error has been the tragic death of thousands of passengers and crew. There was another Pilate who made a tragic mistake that has cost him and millions of others their eternal lives. He questioned truth. Pilots also have questioned the truth and accuracy of their attitude or altitude indicators causing tragic results. Disorientation has caused pilots to ignore the truth that was right before them on their instrument panel. Disorientation involving eternity, focusing only on the here and now, also causes truth to be distorted or ignored.



One of the most profound and meaningful questions in the Bible was asked by a pagan Roman ruler. Pilate turned to Jesus before sentencing Him to be flogged and crucified and asked, in John chapter 18, "What is truth?" It was a rhetorical question and a sarcastic response to what Jesus had just revealed: "I have come into the world, to testify to the truth." Pilate didn't get it. **Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.** Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" Jesus had already shared with his disciples, "I am the way, the **TRUTH**, and the life, no man comes to the Father but through me." John 14:6



"I'm telling you the honest truth." I find that expression curious. What other kind of TRUTH is there than the "honest truth?" We live in a culture where now we are told that men can become women and women can become men. We are told that men can have babies. Children at the age of 12 can have unnatural life altering hormone treatments and irreversible surgical mutilation without parental consent but must have a parent's permission to have ear piercings. The supposed truth is that life-altering surgeries are necessary and will make these children's lives better. That is a lie. We have a supreme court justice who doesn't know the truth about what a woman is because she is "not a biologist."



We are told to "follow the science" but when we do, just the opposite is said to be truth. Students are taught that life started millions of years ago as chemicals magically formed, coalesced and spontaneously life was generated. The molecule to man theory was born. What empirical evidence is there to support this supposed evolutionary truth? None. We are told the truth is that our southern border is closed, yet millions have entered illegally. We are told the truth is our nation's economy is doing better than ever. Remember that when you go to the grocery store or fuel your vehicle or get fast food.

What is the truth? Who can we trust to tell us the truth? What is the truth about lie's most important questions? **Where did I come from? Why on earth am I here? Where am I going when I die?** How do we determine the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth? Some scholars state that **"ABSOLUTE TRUTH IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE."** Since that's an absolute statement, it is self-contradictory! How can we absolutely determine that statement to be absolutely true?

Maybe the truth is not that important? The chief medical advisor to the President of the United States told us that masks were ineffective, and we did not need them when first learning of COVID 19. That same doctor (who was the highest paid federal employee) later reversed that statement. He said his original guidance was a “noble lie.” He supposedly did not share the “truth” originally because he did not want to panic the public. His “noble lie” was reasoned to be better than the truth. Human reasoning concluded a lie is more appropriate than the truth.

I recently heard a politician say, “I’m honest.” If a person must let you know he’s honest, that’s probably not the truth. That’s like a person telling you he’s humble. Something doesn’t ring true with that statement. Honesty and humility are proven, not merely stated. One who must say “I am honest,” or “I am humble,” has a problem. A person’s walk and talk must match. Don’t tell me you are truthful, live the truth.

A missionary friend admitted that before she became a believer, she was a compulsive liar. At times, she didn’t know why she lied. She lied about things that didn’t even matter. She realized she was making her life unnecessarily complicated because she had to remember to whom she told what lie and when and why. She realized that a “good liar” must also develop a good memory. Of course, that all changed when she came to know Christ and the truth became a priority in her life.

I listened to a psychologist state, “Sometimes it’s wrong to tell the truth.” He went on to illustrate his point by telling his audience that it would be wrong for a doctor to tell a terminally ill patient the truth about his condition if the doctor knew that it would make the patient’s condition worse. I’m uncertain how the doctor would know that his patient’s condition would be made worse by the truth. Paul shared in Ephesians 4:15 the importance of speaking the truth in love. A doctor should be truthful with his patient but can choose to share the truth at the right time and in the right way. My doctor had better be truthful with me. Don’t you want your doctor to be truthful with you? For the Christian striving to model the character of Christ, honesty is not the BEST policy, it is the ONLY policy.

The truth is the truth,
even if no one believes it.
A lie is a lie, even if
everyone believes it.

The skeptic rejects it. Some journalists fabricate it. The foolish ignore it. Some politicians distort it. Some refuse to believe it. Some leaders suppress it. Truth is that which is consistent with the mind, will, character, and nature of God. There are times when the truth does not come naturally. We’ve all made the decision to avoid the truth with a lie or deflect an answer. Men, have you ever been caught in this trap? Your wife asks, “Honey what do you think of this dress” or “Do you like my hair cut?” Suddenly, there’s an emergency demanding immediate attention.

How did we learn to lie? Did a sibling or friend teach us? Did we have to take a course in school? No, it is our nature. To lie is to intentionally deceive. Joking is one thing, but deliberately making false statements to advance oneself is wrong. In Genesis we learn of Joseph’s brothers and their intentional deceit allowing their father Jacob to believe that Joseph was killed by a wild animal. They lied without words to avoid the truth.

God’s clear direction to the Israelites to tell the truth was written in stone as commandment #9 – Do not lie. This was not a suggestion. There was not a list of exceptions given with this command. The principle is there for us as well. We are to tell the truth. We are to be known as people of integrity and honesty.

In the garden, Adam was encouraged to be honest about his sin, to tell the truth to himself when God asked, “Adam, where are you?” Of course, God knew where Adam was. The real question was, did Adam know where he was in his relationship with God? Was he willing to be painfully truthful about his disobedience.

Truth means nothing apart from God. Truth cannot be explained, recognized, understood, or defined without God as the source. He is the fountain of all truth. When people attempt to remove the thought of God from their minds, the concept of truth instantly becomes nonsense. God’s word is my foundation for truth.

What is the truth about the most meaningful questions of life? **ORIGINS** – Where did I come from? **PURPOSE** – Why on earth am I here? **DESTINY** – Where am I going when I die?

Everyone has some standard of truth by which to determine the answer to these questions. What is your standard? How do you determine Truth? Bible Truth? Your answer has eternal consequences. The truth is found only in the unchanging Word of God.

“... Your Word is TRUTH.” John 17:17



Thoughts from Dawna . . . The Accusation Of Divisiveness

My husband Dan is currently running for Sheriff in our county and this endeavor has made life a hotbed of excitement since he announced his candidacy a few months ago.

Whether we’re drawing praise from supporters or criticism from the opposition, it has

been an enthusiastic race thus far. Not only am I Dan’s most ardent supporter, but I

also develop and maintain the campaign’s website and manage his social media

platforms. This role subjects me to an almost nonstop barrage of comments. When

Dan posts a video talking about the deficiencies, fallacies, and foibles of his opponent,

a common response from naysayers is, “Quit being divisive.” Or “All you’re doing is creating division between people in the community.” This is a popular comment, almost as though it has been programmed

(things that make you go hmmm). I read again, “divisiveness”, and my insides begin to turn as I feel my internal

temperature start to rise. When I began to mindfully defend his position, I had to ask myself, aren’t

there logical reasons that divisiveness is necessary? More importantly, isn’t there a spiritual aspect to division?

How many of us have just accepted that divisive politics is bad or that divisiveness itself is somehow

immoral simply because it’s what the mainstream media has been driving down our throats for years?

Creating division between yourself and something that you oppose is what sets you apart in what you believe

and how you behave. How can you oppose something and not be divided from it? How do you shed

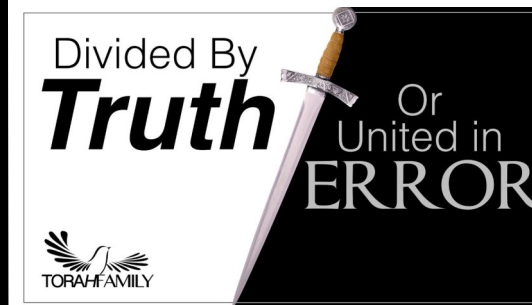
light onto darkness without division? Wasn’t Jesus divisive? Isn’t the gospel divisive? A person may not have

it in their heart to intentionally create disagreements or hostility between people but if you’re confronting a

liar, standing up for the truth, proclaiming the gospel, or defending righteousness, division WILL be the result.

The more you stand up for something that is true and just, be prepared to hear the accusation, “You’re

just being divisive!”



Proclaiming truth unabashedly is going to create division among people. A confidently spoken truth is going to make people uncomfortable, and in many cases enraged with hostility.

As for me, I’m not going to align myself with evil of any sort so in my opinion, the greater the divide, the better.

Mark 8:35 “For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.”

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- Country Bible Church in Dusty, WA as they seek a new shepherd for their flock
- Wisdom and health for our son, George II
- For direction with personal physical challenges. I have had surgery and am recovering slowly. My body is adjusting to a new normal after this nine month adventure. I am doing well and grateful for modern medical technology.
- Pastor Kevin Che’n and his wife Janell, as they face Kevin’s dialysis treatments and kidney transplant as well as insertion of recent heart stints because of blockage.

