

Living Truth
Sermon Notes
January 22, 2023

- I. Introduction
 - a. Myself
 - b. Series/Topic of the morning – Living Truth/ Loving God at the center
 - i. One needs to love God in order to do anything else
 - c. What is truth, what does it mean to live something out, by what power do we live truth, what prevents us from doing this?
- II. Christ as our truth
 - a. Knowing your bibles not just to recite knowledge; it shifts our worldview
 - b. Turn with me to John 14
 - i. Read John 14:5-7
 - ii. Preparing a place Mathew sermon series on him coming back
 - iii. Knowing the bible to know a person
 - c. Read John 8:30-36
 - i. Jews who had believed him
 - ii. Hold to my teaching = to abide, remain, stay in his word
 - iii. The truth is about Jesus (v.36)
 - d. “I believe in Christianity as I believe that the Sun has risen, not only because I see it but because by it, I see everything else.” - *Weight of Glory* by C.S. Lewis
 - e. Why Jesus can claim to be truth
 - i. Christ displays perfectly what God intended for humanity: Relationship with the Father (Knowing him, being satisfied in him, and obeying him)
- III. To live something
 - a. To live something out is to continually act and display it (Examples: love, mercy)
 - b. When we live something, it comes from the depths of our hearts
 - i. We cannot live something continually and deeply like a life in Christ without there being heart level change and impact
 - ii. To live a life of love example furthered
- IV. Disciples live truth

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- a. Living truth – to act and live in a manner that God intended for humanity which has been revealed to us through Jesus
 - i. Living truth is for God’s glory and our satisfaction
 - b. The gospel – the intent to redeem and restore
 - c. The 10 commandments are not abandoned; they were the standard and intent for humanity, the gospel simply redeems the possibility of us living like that
 - d. The gospel redeems the heart, which is where Jesus argues our actions flow out of (You have heard it said... Matthew 5:17-48)
 - e. The Gospel makes living truth possible
- V. By what power do we seek to live out truth?
- a. Many of us acknowledge our helplessness and our need for a savior, but we deny that power to help us live
 - i. Happens knowingly and unknowingly
 - b. Read Galatians 5:13-18
 - i. Called to be free – identifies the freedom they are thinking is wrong
 - 1. Licensed to do whatever we want
 - ii. Walk by the Spirit + Led by the Spirit
 - iii. Not free of any master, just free from a harmful and oppressive one
 - iv. We are to live a life submitting to and being led by the spirit
 - c. The very power that has saved you is the same power that sanctifies you to live a holy life
 - i. What does this look like: Regularly crying out
- VI. Roadblocks that keep us from living truth by our own power?
- a. **Image/identity** – Our desire to be seen as someone who lives truth causes us to rely upon our own power
 - b. **Culture** – Our culture around us propels us to do so
 - i. American narrative is independence: to achieve anything by the power within

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- c. **Low Standards** – Our desire to fulfill the task leads us to lower the bar (couple with pride)
 - d. **Control** – Our desire and need for control leads us into the driver's seat
 - e. **Pride** – Our high view of ourselves leads us into the position of God in our lives
 - f. **Ignorance** – We don't know how to rely upon his power (hold to teaching
 - g. Which one are you?
 - h. Crying out for help and submit – hope that God hears and responds
 - i. The very power that has saved you is the same power that sanctifies you to live a holy life
 - i. Close in prayer
- VII. Benediction
- a. Read John 16:13; Rely and surrender upon the Holy Spirit who will lead you into all truth and lead you to live truth
 - b. Dismiss