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**“Do the Truth . . . or abide its Alternative”**

Life often presents us with truth that seems too painful and fierce for us to face. Yet, one of the gifts of truth is to help us see our way clear to confront it. The bad truth is better than a good falsehood.

An old story tells of a desert nomad who awakened hungry in the middle of the night. He lit a candle and began eating dates from a bowl beside his bed. He took a bite from one and saw a worm in it; so, he threw it out. He bit into a second date, found another worm, and threw it away also. Reasoning that he wouldn't have any dates left to eat if he continued, he blew out the candle and quickly ate the rest of the dates.

Many people prefer darkness and denial to the light of reality.

Come, Worship  
Stay, Learn  
Go, Serve