

Meet Your Psychiatrist: He Helps You Tell the Truth

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The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth who helps us understand and apply the truth of God's Word.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the importance of living in truth and the consequences of practicing lies. He highlights that when we live in truth, God blesses us, but when lies enter our lives, we experience bondage, fear, and guilt. The speaker also discusses the role of the Holy Spirit in helping us confront and live in truth. He explains that God has given us three editions of truth: Jesus Christ, the Word of God, and the Holy Spirit, each meeting a specific need in our lives. The Holy Spirit teaches us by comparing spiritual things with spiritual, helping us understand and apply God's truth in our lives.

Transcript

The breath of God, of course, is the Holy Spirit of God, and we've been looking these Sunday evenings at the names of the Holy Spirit. We read three passages tonight, John 14, beginning at verse 15. Jesus says, If ye love me, keep my commandments.

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him. But ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. The Spirit of truth.

Chapter 15, our Lord repeats this same name, verse 26. But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me. And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

Chapter 16, beginning at verse 12. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Nevertheless, when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth.

For he shall not speak from himself, but whatever he shall hear, that shall he speak. And he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me, for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you.

All things that the Father hath are mine. Therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you. One of the great problems we're facing today is the problem of truth.

I was paging yesterday through the four volumes of an encyclopedia on philosophy and was interested in seeing the difficulty our philosophers have in determining what truth is. And of course, if there is no such thing as truth, there can be no such thing as philosophy, because a philosopher is a lover of wisdom, and wisdom depends upon truth. But the philosophers are not the only people having problems with truth.

The politicians are having problems with it too. And so are some of the news media. I think you and I know that it's very difficult always to believe everything that you hear.

And of course, the advertisers and the promoters have the same problem. It always amazes me how people fall for all the promotion that they see on television or hear over the radio. The problem of truth.

Now, apart from philosophy and politics and promotion, you and I have a personal problem with truth. We have discovered that if we live the truth, God bless us. If for some reason a lie gets into our lives, we lose.

Jesus said, for example, and ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. What he meant by that was when the truth becomes a part of your life, it brings liberty. Now, whenever you and I have practiced a lie, it always puts us into bondage.

You know this. The bondage of fear and guilt. We wonder who knows the truth.

When is the truth going to be exposed? Every time the phone rings or somebody comes up to us, we tremble just a little bit. How much does he know? What's on the other end of the line? And so you and I need to have a confrontation with truth. The happiest life, the holiest life is a life that is lived in relationship to the truth.

Now, you know this and I know this. The word of God teaches this. I do not have psychiatric training.

It would be foolish for me to stand here and claim that I do. The little bit of studying I've been privileged to do and the people I've had the opportunity of chatting with in this area, both have led me to one conclusion. It's this.

Our friends in the area of psychology and psychiatry are trying to help people face truth. I'm very happy to see that we have a resurgence among people like this of reality. No longer do we have the idea that we can just cover over the symptoms.

The latest thing, and I'm glad it has arrived in the whole area of psychiatry, is reality therapy. Let's face things realistically. Let's get down to the truth.

And we'd like to do that tonight. Now, if you know Jesus as your Savior, you can have a right relationship to truth through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit who lives in you can give you a right relationship to truth.

And if you have a right relationship to truth, you'll have a right relationship to God. And if we have a right relationship with God, we'll have a right relationship with one another. And so the most important thing I can do is to have a right relationship with truth.

And in order for me to do this, God has given me the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit has three ministries that he performs to help me have a right relationship to truth. They are very basic and very practical.

Ministry number one, the Holy Spirit gives us the truth.

Were it not for the Holy Spirit of God, we would not have truth. You see, God has given the truth to us in three editions. They haven't changed.

They don't contradict each other. There are three editions of truth. Number one, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, John chapter 14, verse six, I am the truth.

And he didn't say, I am true, nor did he say, I speak the truth. Those things are accurate. He said, I am the truth.

Now that means that what he was in his person and what he was in his practice were truth, and they still are truth. That means that we don't test Jesus Christ by what men say and do. We test what men say and do by Jesus Christ.

He is the standard. He is the truth. Now I thank God that he has given to us truth in a person, a person who came and took flesh and blood, who walked on this earth, who went through everything I go through and you go through and more.

And he proved the victory of truth. So Jesus Christ is the truth. This is why over in first John, the apostle says, now the test is Jesus Christ.

There's a spirit of truth. There's a spirit of error. There are those who deny that Jesus is the Christ.

Anyone who denies that Jesus is the Christ, that he is God's eternal son is of the antichrist. He's of the liar. Edition number one of the truth is Jesus Christ, a person who took upon himself your nature.

Edition number two is the word of God. If the Son of God is edition number one of the truth, the word of God is edition number two. John chapter 17 and verse 17, Jesus said, thy word is true.

He didn't say thy word is true. He didn't say thy word contains some truth. He said, thy word is truth.

Now this is where the battleground is today. The battleground among evangelical Christians today is, does the Bible have any error in it? Is the word of God infallible? Can we trust it for history as well as for theology? Can we trust it for science as well as for the spiritual? Jesus says, thy word is truth. The psalmist said, I have esteemed all of thy words concerning everything to be true.

So the second edition of truth is the word of God. Now let me show you how this happens. How did we get the first edition of truth, the Son of God? He was born by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Now he existed before he was born, obviously. In eternity, Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God existed with the Father. But when he was going to come to earth and put truth in a package where we can see it, he had to have a body.

And Mary herself said, how shall this thing be? And the answer was the power of the highest shall overshadow thee. The Holy Spirit of God gave to Jesus Christ a body. And so the Holy Spirit gave us the first edition of truth, the Son of God.

How did we get the word of God, the Holy Spirit? How did we get the Old Testament? Well, Peter tells us over in 2 Peter 1 that holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. Where did the Old

Testament come from? The Holy Spirit of God spoke to men of God and they wrote the Old Testament. Where did the four Gospels come from? Look at John chapter 14, verse 26.

But the comforter, says Jesus, who is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatever I have said unto you. That's where the four Gospels came from. The Holy Spirit of God reminded Matthew and Peter, who worked with Mark, and Luke.

He taught Luke and he taught John. Here's where the Gospels came from. The Spirit of God wrote through these men.

Well, where'd the epistles come from? Well, in John chapter 16 and verse 12, I have yet many things to say unto you, but you cannot bear them now. Nevertheless, when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth. That's where the epistles came from.

It's where the book of Acts and the epistles came from. The application of the truth, the understanding of the truth. Everything you read in Acts and the epistles is simply an explanation of what you have in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John with an application for everyday living.

Where'd the book of Revelation come from? Well, John chapter 16 tells us, and he shall show you things to come. John chapter 16 and verse 13. He will show you things to come.

There's the book of Revelation. So the Old Testament, the four Gospels, the epistles, the book of Revelation came through the Holy Spirit. And the beautiful thing is this, the author of the Bible lives in you.

Edition number one, the Son of God, born by the Holy Spirit. Edition number two, the Word of God written by the Holy Spirit. Now the third edition of truth is the Holy Spirit himself.

In first John chapter 5 and verse 7, we read, the Spirit is truth. Not the Spirit is true or the Spirit teaches truth or the Spirit points to truth. This is all accurate.

It says the Spirit is truth. So up in heaven is the Son of God who is truth. In my hand is the Word of God which is truth.

In my heart is the Spirit of God which is truth. You get all three of these together. You have something.

Now at this point I want to drop a thought into your mind that may shock you just a little bit. God has deposited the truth about the Son of God, the truth about the Word of God, and the truth about the Spirit of God with the church. Jesus Christ got a group of men together and he formed a church.

And to this church he deposited this spiritual truth. This is why in first Timothy chapter 3 and verse 15, Paul calls the local church the pillar and the ground of the truth. Now that word ground is an interesting word.

It's an architectural term. It means the foundation. Do you know what it is that keeps truth in this world? It's the local church.

It's the assembly of God's people. This is the pillar and the ground of the truth. And when the church falls, the truth falls.

This is why liberalism and neo-orthodoxy and all of these lies are spreading across our country because one after another churches have turned away from the truth. And they don't call men to their pulpits who preach the truth or who glorify the Son of God who is the truth or who depend on the Holy Spirit who is the truth. And consequently the pillar begins to shake, the foundation begins to shake, and before long the truth falls.

This is why I strongly believe in identifying with, praying for, giving to, and working in a local church. Because this is the pillar and the ground of the truth. Now the Holy Spirit gave us the truth.

It was the Holy Spirit who gave us Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit who gave us the Bible. The Holy Spirit who brought the church into existence by baptizing believers.

All of this truth is involved with the Holy Spirit. That's his first ministry. He gives us the truth.

Now his second ministry, he teaches us the truth. He teaches us the truth. In John chapter 16 verses 12 through 15 we have this laid out for us.

How does the Holy Spirit teach us the truth? Now I want to be just as rock bottom as I can be at this point. There's a great deal of fuzzy thinking about the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit teaches us the truth first of all through the Word of God.

Now this is a little different from what some people tell me. They say, oh I pray and the Holy Spirit... Now wait just a minute. You do not test the Word of God by your experiences.

You test your experiences by the Word of God. How does the Holy Spirit teach us the truth through the Word of God? Now this leads us over to 1 Corinthians chapter 2 and a passage that is grossly abused. Chapter 2 of 1 Corinthians verse 9. Paul has been saying that the the world doesn't know God's wisdom.

The world is ignorant with all of their philosophy and all of their science. They're just ignorant of the basics of the things of the Lord and the proof of it is the crucifixion of Christ. Had they had any sense at all they would never have crucified Christ.

Now verse 9. But as it is written I have not seen nor ear heard neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. Now he's not talking about heaven. He's talking about right here and now.

But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit. All the things God wants to do for you, all of the great things he has planned for you are revealed by the Holy Spirit. Not by visions, not by voices, not by dreams or trances.

Let's go on and see how he does it. God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man except the spirit of a man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man but the Spirit of God.

Now we have received not the spirit of the world. That's what the unsaved people have, the spirit of the world. That's why they're worldly.

They live for this world. Jesus says the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light. But when that generation ends it shows how dumb they are.

They die and go to hell. He says we have received not the spirit of the world but the spirit who is of God that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. The things he talked about up in verse 9. God wants you to know what he's given you.

How do you do it? Which things also we speak not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth but which the Holy Spirit teacheth comparing spiritual things with spiritual. The Holy Spirit searches the word of God and teaches us. You see he'll never teach you something you haven't read.

He's going to have a hard time reminding you something you haven't learned. It's not the job of the Holy Spirit to teach me my Greek. He can clear my mind and help me learn my Greek or my mathematics or my music.

It's not the Holy Spirit's job to teach me those things. It's his job to teach me spiritual wisdom from the word of God. Now how does he do this? He does this through words.

Notice that verse 13. Not in words which man's wisdom teacheth but words which the Holy Spirit teacheth. You've got to read Bible words.

You see people say well the thoughts of the Bible are inspired. Paul says the words of the Bible are inspired. And I wonder how many Christians here tonight if they were up against the wall could define Bible words.

What is faith? What is grace? What is mercy? What is justification, propitiation, imputation? What do these words mean? Now the Holy Spirit of God teaches us the meaning of Bible words and Bible truths through words. I hear people say I don't care what vocabulary you use as long as you've had the experience. I dare you to tell that to your surgeon.

I dare you. They're wheeling you into the operating room and they've not yet given you the sodium pentothal and you're not conked out yet and they're going to take out your appendix and you say doctor I don't care what you call it you know. Well I say I'll just call it a gallbladder and take out your gallbladder.

Oh no Bible words are important. Physical words are important. Mechanical words are important.

Scientific words are important. Cooking words are important. Salt is salt and pepper is pepper and never the twain shall meet.

Now I say that because there are people today who say don't talk to me about Bible doctrine I just want to have the experience. You can have a false experience. You can have a counterfeit experience.

The Holy Spirit teaches us truth. How does he do it? Through the Bible. Now how does he do it through the Bible? He reveals Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples in the upper room he shall take of mine and show them to you. Now this is a wonderful thing. When I sit down to read my Bible for my devotional reading and I want the Spirit of God to give me what I need for that day.

This is how I begin my day. I meet the Lord in the Word of God and I just pray that the Spirit of God will search the Word of God and teach me. An amazing thing happens.

A conversation, a four-way conversation goes on. God the Father and God the Son know just what I need. So does the Holy Spirit.

And so God the Father says to God the Son here's what he needs for today. Tell the Holy Spirit. So the Holy Spirit says I got the signal and he shows me from the Word just what I need.

Now if I had not had this experience based on the Word of God I wouldn't share it with you. But time after time in the morning I have read in the Word of God just what I have needed for that day. And so I become a part of a four-way conversation.

Father, Son, Holy Spirit, Believer. And the Holy Spirit reveals Christ in the Word and by revealing Christ in the Word he shows me what I need. Now here in 1 Corinthians 2 verse 13 he tells me that the Holy Spirit of God teaches me by comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

He'll take something from Isaiah and something from Psalms and something from Romans and put them together. Have you come to the place in your spiritual life where you're able to compare spiritual things with spiritual? That is a wonderful experience. I hear people say well pastor I just read the same verses all the time.

I just love the 23rd Psalm. Well I do too. But you can't live on it.

How about having Psalm 23 lead you over to John chapter 10 and John chapter 10 might lead you to Hebrews 13. That's why you have cross references in your Bible. Because you can just compare spiritual things with spiritual.

And for every New Testament doctrine there's an Old Testament illustration. And for every Old Testament event there's a New Testament teaching. And so when you read the Old Testament the New Testament shows you what it means.

And when you read the New Testament the Old Testament illustrates it. God knew what he was doing when he wrote this book. The Holy Spirit teaches us the truth.

He does it through the Word of God by revealing Christ to us and by relating, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. Now at this point I want to go back to John chapter 16 because there's a there's a very basic principle here. And then we'll move on to ministry number three.

John 16 verse 12. Our Lord Jesus says to his disciples I have yet many things to say unto you but ye cannot bear them now. Our Lord Jesus was a master teacher.

He never tried to teach a lesson that was beyond the experience of his disciples. Now we do this. We shouldn't.

A good teacher starts where you are and when you are ready takes you where you ought to be. He spent three years teaching them one lesson. I'm going to go to the cross and die.

Took him three years to learn that one lesson. They had a hard time learning it. Peter said Lord you're making a big mistake.

Then he taught them about the resurrection. He said now look you can destroy this temple but in three days I'll raise it up. They never did get that lesson till after it was all over.

I don't feel so badly about my own stupidity about spiritual things but I must remember that the disciples did not have the kind of ministry of the Holy Spirit that we have today nor did they have a whole Bible. I can well understand their confusion but I can't excuse mine. Jesus teaches us the lesson that we need when we can take it.

Now I want to apply that to our church family. In our church family you have many stages of spiritual growth. We have some people who have just been saved a few weeks.

We have some who have been saved a few years. Some who have been saved, praise God, many years. And we thank God for every one of them.

But you know some people are at this stage and some are at this stage and we've got to be very careful not to judge and condemn one another. Since coming to Moody Church I have had to exercise my spiritual muscles in ways I never had to do before. I have had to learn new truths and new concepts.

Every one of my brilliant ideas that helped to build Calvary Baptist Church went right down the drain when I came to Chicago. A different kind of church altogether. You people were very very patient with me.

It took me over a year to finally understand how this thing works. I'm glad you were patient with me. I trust I was patient with you.

But in every area of our ministry we have to grow. You see and I'm having to grow. I had to grow in areas of music and I had to grow in areas of camping.

I'm not a camper. I'm not even a sleeping bag. And I'm the first one to admit I'm not a musician.

And I had to grow in areas of organization. This is a very highly organized church. And I had to come before the Lord and say now Lord when I can take it you teach me what I should know.

Now this has taught me one good lesson. God has said to me preacher don't be too critical. Just keep growing.

Don't criticize others. You'll catch up to them or they'll catch up to you depending on where you are. Now we need this in the church family.

I think we do. To be patient with each other. Understanding of each other.

My I came from a church where the very first song we'd sing on Sunday morning would be a gospel hymn like nothing but the blood of Jesus. And we come to Moody Church where we open with a more worshipful type of music and this I had to get used to and I'm glad I did. I came from a church that had one committee.

One committee. And I've come to a church that has 22 committees. And a committee on committees.

And this is all necessary. I do not ridicule it. But I've had to get accustomed to it.

All I'm thankful for right now is that the Lord took me where I was and said now when you're able to take it I'll show you some more. Let's be this way with each other. The Lord teaches us as we're able to bear it.

Now this explains why we suffer. You say I just can't understand why I'm going through what I'm going through. I'll tell you why.

God's got something he wants to teach you. He said I've got a great lesson to teach you from the book of Psalms but you aren't ready for it yet so I'm gonna put you through a little bit of suffering. This is why God puts us through the experiences we go through because he wants to bring us to the point where we can learn more lessons.

Then we learn the lessons they praise the Lord. Thank you for that lesson. It was worth going through that valley to learn that lesson.

Now I've arrived. God says oh no you haven't. No I got a few more things I want to teach you.

The teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit is one of the greatest experiences in the Christian life. Now some people don't want to grow. Some people want to stay in their own safe little cubicle and I feel sorry for them.

I used to be this way. I knew all there was to know. I had arrived and then God just took my cubicle and he said you know what that cubicle is you're living in? No what is it Lord? A coffin.

You're just killing yourself. You need to break loose and grow a little bit. I said Lord you're right.

The Holy Spirit teaches us as we're able to bear it which means we have to be teachable. People come to me and say pastor I read my Bible I don't get anything out of it. Are we submitted? Are we willing to obey? You see in John chapter 7 and verse 17 Jesus says if any man is willing to do God's will he shall know the doctrine.

We don't study the Bible to show off how much we know. We don't study the Bible to argue with people. We study God's word to live it.

We translate learning into living and if God sees I'm not willing to obey he won't teach me. No teacher would. A teacher has to have a pupil that is surrendered, submissive, and teachable and God has ways of making us teachable.

Sometimes God has to spank us to make us teachable. Sometimes God has to embarrass us to make us teachable but he'll do it. So the Spirit of God gives us the truth, Christ, the word, and the Holy Spirit himself.

The Holy Spirit teaches us the truth from the Bible by revealing Christ and relating scripture to scripture as we're able to take it. Thirdly the Holy Spirit has a third ministry. He enables us to live the truth.

My friends one of the greatest lies in evangelical churches today is this that because I know my Bible I'm a good Christian. That's a lie. In the itinerant ministry I used to have when I was with Youth for Christ I got into many churches and there was a great experience particularly to meet a certain kind of person in almost every church.

A person who was anxious to display his Bible knowledge. They'd stop you after the service and tell you how much they knew about what you'd already preached about which is fine. They probably knew it before I did but they were anxious to tell you their Bible knowledge and then you'd be on the way home with the pastor.

He'd say I see so-and-so was talking to and I'd say yes. He said watch out for him. He's caused more trouble in this church than everybody else put together.

Great Bible knowledge but it never got into his life. I say it again the biggest lie among evangelicals today is that because I understand the Bible I'm a good Christian. James says be ye what? Doers of the word and not hearers only.

He didn't say not hearers he said not hearers only. He wants us to hear the word, heed the word, and practice the word. Now here's where the Holy Spirit comes in and here's where we wrap up our message tonight just to make it as practical as I can.

It's been a great help to me down through the years to understand why God gave me three editions of the truth. He gave me the Lord Jesus Christ who is the truth. He gave me the word of God which is the word of truth.

He gave me the Holy Spirit who is the truth. And he did this for this reason. Each of these editions of God's truth meets a need in my life.

Now if you'll follow me very closely maybe it'll help you. I have a heart to love with. My heart has to love something.

Nobody's heart is going to be neutral. You have to love something. Jesus said no man can serve two masters.

You're either going to hate one and love the other or hold to the one or despise the other. God wants my heart to be controlled by truth. So he gave me a very lovely person named Jesus Christ and my heart falls in love with Jesus Christ.

That's what David meant when he said in Psalm 51, Lord thou desirest truth in the inward part. Now friends you know that whatever you love you live. If a person loves money that's what he lives for.

If he loves fame that's what he lives for. If we love Jesus Christ that's what we live for. Now he is a person to love and so my heart can just get wrapped up in Jesus Christ.

Secondly I not only have a heart to love with I have a mind to think with. That's why he gave me a book. With my heart I love the truth Jesus Christ.

With my mind I learn the truth the word of God and when I learn the truth of the word of God it tells me more about Jesus Christ and my heart gets more in love with him. So that heart and mind don't fight each other. That'll kill you when your heart and your mind are fighting each other.

That's why Paul wrote to the Philippians that your heart and your mind may be guarded by the peace of God. The peace of God shall guard your hearts and your minds. So he gave me a person the Lord Jesus Christ to love with my heart.

If you think that's silly someday you'll fall in love with a fellow or girl and you'll find out how wonderful it is to be in love. And then the song of Solomon will take on precious new meaning to you. We're in the song of Solomon the bride and groom are just ravished with each other's love.

He gives me a person Jesus Christ to love with my heart. He gives me a book the Bible to learn with my mind. Thirdly he gives me the Holy Spirit who controls my will.

Now that's my whole person. My will, my mind, and my heart. Philippians 2 says it is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

It's a beautiful thing. The spirit of truth reveals Jesus the truth in the word of truth. My heart falls in love with Jesus the truth.

My mind is filled with the word of truth and the Holy Spirit of God takes both and gets a hold of my will so that I live the truth. Now this is what's wrong with modern education. Modern education they have no way to translate learning into living.

A person can be very brilliant and be a crook but in the Christian life we have a very beautiful way of translating learning into living the Holy Spirit. And so the Holy Spirit teaches me the word of God. My mind reveals the son of God.

My heart gets a hold of my will and translates learning into living and the motive for that living is loving. And so with my heart I love the truth and with my mind I learn the truth with my will I live the truth. And it's only through the Holy Spirit we can do this.

Now why does the Holy Spirit enable us to live the truth? That we might glorify Christ. That we might witness and win a lost world to Christ. John wrote and said I have no greater joy than to know that my children are walking in the truth.

Not studying the truth, not charting the truth, not analyzing the truth, not outlining the truth, not even defending the truth, walking in the truth. The best way to defend the truth is to live it. And so the Holy Spirit of God enables us to live the truth and the people around us who are living in lies say there's something different about him, something different about her.

When she speaks she speaks the truth. And she seems to live, he seems to live truly. I wonder what the difference is and we say well we'll tell you what the difference is, it's Jesus Christ.

He's the one who makes the difference. Finally my brethren, when you get to the end of the Bible to the book of Revelation chapter 22, you have that beautiful description of the city of truth where there'll be no darkness, be no pain or sorrow. All the things that have come from lies just won't be there.

But right in the midst of that description John says there's gonna be certain people outside. Outside are going to be the liars. Whoever loves and practices a lie.

Revelation 22 15. You get that? Why do people go to hell? Because they gamble and carouse and murder? No. Moses was a murderer.

He's gonna be in heaven. Why do people go to hell? Because they love lies and they live lies. You see Satan is the liar.

He's the father of lies. Now Jesus is the truth and the word is truth. And right now the spirit of truth is revealing the son of truth through the word of truth to somebody here who's been living a lie.

I want to warn you my friend, if you keep on loving a lie and living a lie, you'll spend all eternity with the liars. You'll be outside that city of truth. That's why we implore you to come and trust Jesus Christ.

Now when you trust him you're set free. When you admit the truth about yourself and you receive the truth about Jesus and surrender to him, you're set free. You shall know the truth.

The truth shall make you free. Jesus said if the Son shall make you free, S-O-N, Jesus, you shall be free indeed. Nothing can cripple, nothing can ruin a life like lies.

Nothing can release a life and nothing can build a life like truth. And so we invite you to surrender to the truth. If you've never been saved, if you are a Christian, let the spirit of truth teach you.

Spend time with the word and you'll grow. Let's pray together. Gracious Father, we pray that the word of truth will become very precious to us because we love Jesus.

And we pray that your Holy Spirit will take the word that he wrote on paper and write it on our hearts and enable us to live it to the glory of Christ. I pray for any here tonight who need the Savior that they might trust him. For any believer who may be living in a lie, O God, deliver that one.

For Jesus' sake, Amen.

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