


**TRUTH**



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# The Truth On Trial

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- Today the truth is hard to find
- Journalism has become sensationalized
- Images can be easily manipulated
- The Internet has increased opinions
- What is truth?

# John 18:37-40

- "You are a king, then!" said Pilate.
- Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king.
- In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.
- Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."
- "What is truth?" Pilate asked.

# What is Truth?

- Truth is a verified fact
- Truth is clear and not distorted
- Truth is has no agenda
- Truth is an attitude
- Truth is a personal choice

# TRUTH

- Should not just be conformity or agreement between what we think and what is reality
- Mt. 11:27 - it must be grounded in
- "God, the Father, the source of all Truth, fully manifested in His Son, Jesus Christ, who is the truth come to set us free and sends His Spirit of Truth that proceeds from the Father"

# The Spirit Of Truth

- The truth is in us
- \* We are charged with carrying something
- \* We are to carry grace, mercy and peace
- We are to that through love and TRUTH.
- We need to become disciplined to do this.

# FAITH AND TRUTH

## Catholic Faith :

Our personal response to God's call of friendship with Him

Allows us to grow and mature in our personal relationship with God

## Christ

Enables us to understand more about faith

# The Spirit Of Falsehood

- The opposite of truth is a lie
- Lies are intentional
- Lies are born out of fear
- Genesis 18:15
- Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said,
- "I did not laugh." But he said, "Yes, you did laugh."



# The Power of Fear

- God tells us to not be afraid
- Fear causes us to sin and to look out for "me"
- Zechariah 8:15-17
- "Do not be afraid. These are the things you are to do: Speak the truth to each other, and render true and sound judgment in your courts; do not plot evil against your neighbour, and do not love to swear falsely. I hate all this," declares the LORD.


# Our Nation Depends On Truth

- Jeremiah 7:28-29
- This is the nation that has not obeyed the
- LORD its God or responded to correction.
- Truth has perished;
- it has vanished from their lips.
- Cut off your hair and throw it away; take up a lament on the barren heights, for the LORD has rejected and abandoned this generation that is under his wrath.

# The Nature Of Satan

- Satan is the father of lies...
- He will whisper a lie in your ear
- He repeats that lie over and over again
- He repeats them frequently
- He makes accusations against us
- He uses fear, uncertainty and doubt to drives us
- He wants us to settle out of court

# The Nature Of God

- God wants what's best for us
  - God wants us to listen and obey him
  - God wants to bless us
  - God speaks truth with a "small voice"
  - God may only tell you once
  - God always speaks the truth
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# The Faith/Truth Connection

- "Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." - Hebrews 11:1
- Faith means that we believe God.
- Hebrews 11 tells about a whole bunch of people who believed God and were blessed because of it.
- They saw the unseen become reality.
- It is a testament to God's faithfulness.

# TYPES OF TRUTH


- The truth of our thoughts
- The truth of our words
- The truth of our actions
- Remind us to be consistent with what we think, say or do

TRUTH:

CHRIST:

- The word made flesh
- Fullness of God's revelation
- **It is not a private possession of ours:**
- It is the center, the meaning and goal of our lives as members of the Church

# THE TRUTH THAT CHRIST BRINGS US:

- Gift of
  - God
  - Life-giving
  - Liberating task
  - Discerning the truth
  - Professing it with courage
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# Truth as a Liberating Power

TRUTH FREES US FROM :

- DOUBT
- IRRATIONAL FEAR
- ILLUSIONS
- SIN

THANK YOU