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Love & Truth

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1 Corinthians 14:40 “Let all things be done decently and in order.”

God is a God of Order!

Hebrews 8:5-6 “When Moses was getting ready to build the Tabernacle, God gave him this warning: ‘Be sure that you make everything according to the pattern I have shown you here on the mountain.’ But now Jesus, our High Priest, has been given a ministry that is far superior to the old...”

Hebrews 9:10 “For that old system deals only with food and drink and various cleansing ceremonies – physical regulations that were in effect only until a better system could be established.”

The Story of the Woman Caught in
Adultery John 8:3-11

**Three Truths To Help Us
Balance Love and Truth**

**1. Truth without
love = LEGALISM.**

John 8:5 “The law of Moses says to stone her.”

**A legalist always brings the law but
never brings the love.**

Romans 7:12 “The law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good.”

Galatians 2:16, 21 “For no one will ever be made right with God by obeying the law. For if keeping

the law could make us right with God, then there was no need for Christ to die.”

God always intended for the truth of His law to result in actions of love.

Galatians 5:14 “For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Romans 2:1-3 “You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. Now we know that God’s judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the

same things, do you think you will
escape God's judgment?"

**2. Love without
truth = COMPROMISE.**

John 8:7 “Let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!”

1 Peter 2:16 “Don’t use your freedom as an excuse to do evil.”

True worship is revealed by who you obey, not whom you sing to.

2 Timothy 4:3 “The time will come when people will not listen to the truth.”

2 Timothy 4:2 “Preach the Word of God. Preach it when it is easy and people want to listen and when it is hard and people do not want to listen. Preach it all the time. Use the Word of God to show people they

are wrong. Use the Word of God to help them do right.”

1 Corinthians 13:6 “Love rejoices in the truth.”

“Love is not happy with evil. But it is full of joy when the truth is spoken.”

“Love rejoices whenever the truth wins out.”

Ezekiel 33:7-8 “Now, son of man, I am making you a watchman for the people of Israel. Therefore, listen to what I say and warn them for Me. If I announce that some wicked people are sure to die and you fail to tell them to change their ways, then they will die in their sins, and I will hold you responsible for their deaths.”

Ephesians 4:15 “We will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ.”

3. Truth and love in perfect balance = JESUS.

John 8:11 “Jesus said, ‘Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more.’”

**Jesus didn't tell the woman caught in adultery, “Go and sin less.”
He said, “Go and sin no more.”**

Psalm 85:7-10 “Show us Your unfailing love, O Lord, and grant us Your salvation. I listen carefully to what God the Lord is saying, for He speaks peace to His faithful people. But let them not return to their foolish ways. Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, so our land will be filled with His glory. Unfailing love and truth have met together.”

Psalm 89:14 “Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne. **Unfailing love and truth** walk before You as attendants.”

Hebrews 12:5-7 “And have you forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you as His children? He said, ‘My child, don’t make light of the Lord’s discipline, and don’t give up when He corrects you. For the Lord disciplines those He loves, and He punishes each one He accepts as His child.’ As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as His own children.”

Hebrews 10:26-30 “Dear friends, if we deliberately continue sinning after we have received knowledge of the truth, there is no longer any sacrifice that will cover these sins.

There is only the terrible expectation of God's judgment and the raging fire that will consume His enemies. For anyone who refused to obey the law of Moses was put to death without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Just think how much worse the punishment will be for those who have trampled on the Son of God, and have treated the blood of the covenant, which made us holy, as if it were common and unholy, and have insulted and disdained the Holy Spirit who brings God's mercy to us. For we know the One who said, 'I will take revenge. I will pay them back.' He also said, "The Lord will judge His own people."

2 John 3 "Grace, mercy, and peace, which come from God the Father and from Jesus Christ - the Son of

the Father - will continue to be with us **who live in truth and love.**”

Memory Verse: Ephesians 4:15

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