

Truth vs Love: Week 3

Truth without Love

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Bible References:

2 John 3

Luke 15

³ Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in truth and love. 2 John 3

_____ without truth is _____.

_____ without love is _____.

Luke 15

Truth without love didn't work for the older brother, it caused him to become blind...

- to the father's _____ in his life.
- to his own _____.

Truth without love didn't work for the younger brother.

- Truth without love is powerless to help a person who has _____ their way find _____.
- Truth without love won't turn a person's _____ towards home, instead it will simply _____ their spirit.

If I lean towards truth...

#1 - I'm asking "_____?"

#2 - I'm trying to reflect _____.

Reflection Questions:

- How much value to you place on 1-10% of your net worth?
- How panicked would you be if that much money turned up missing? What would you be willing to do to get it back?
- Have you ever had a time when one of your children turned up missing? How did that impact you?
- If 1-10% of your new worth was to come up missing, who would most likely be at fault in your household for the loss?
- Jesus told his 3 stories, in part, to communicate that the way we value our money or our kids is the way God values the person we want to express truth to. When you have someone you want to express truth to do you find yourself sharing God's values? Why or why not?
- Under the surface of the older brother's truth telling was anger. Are there times when your "truth telling" is way more about making a person pay for their indiscretions than it is about helping them realize their indiscretions?
- The older brother was blind to the father's goodness and his own sin. How does truth telling at the expense of love do that to a person?
- Think back to a time in your past where redemption worked itself out in your life. What motivated you most to move towards redemption?
- Who in your life are you most likely to use truth with at the expense of love?
- Do you really expect that using truth at the expense of love will bring about positive change in their lives? Are you really motivated by truth with that person or something else?
- When it comes to truth telling which do you need to do most?
 - o Ask "Why am I telling them this?"
 - o Make sure that your truth communicates God's value.