

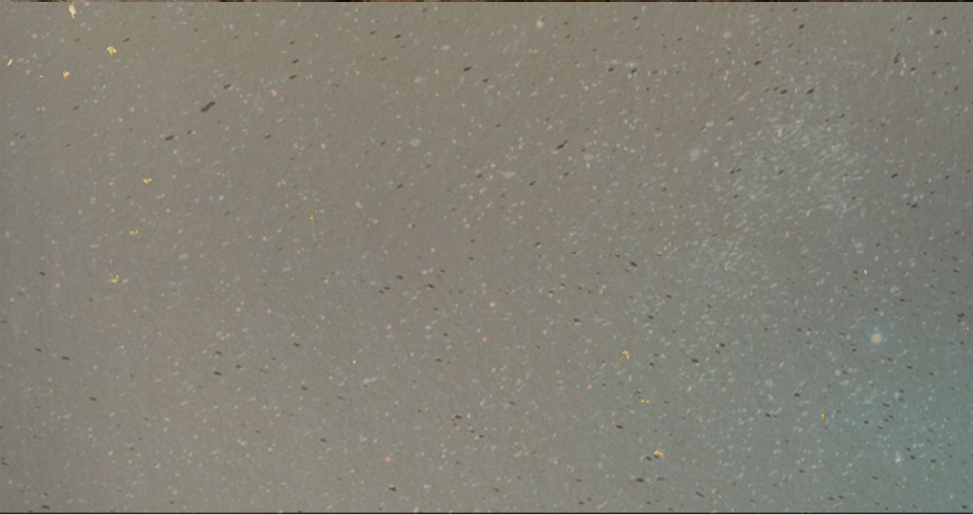
Welcome!

- **Gather25: Global Worship and Prayer**
 - Fri, Feb 28 – 7pm - 11pm in Lobby
 - Sat, Mar 1 – 10am - 4pm in Lobby
- **Discover Emmaus for Guests**
 - Sun, March 2 @ 9:15am in Lobby
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Psalm 19:14

May the words of my mouth
and the meditations of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

**Today = Speak the Truth in Love*





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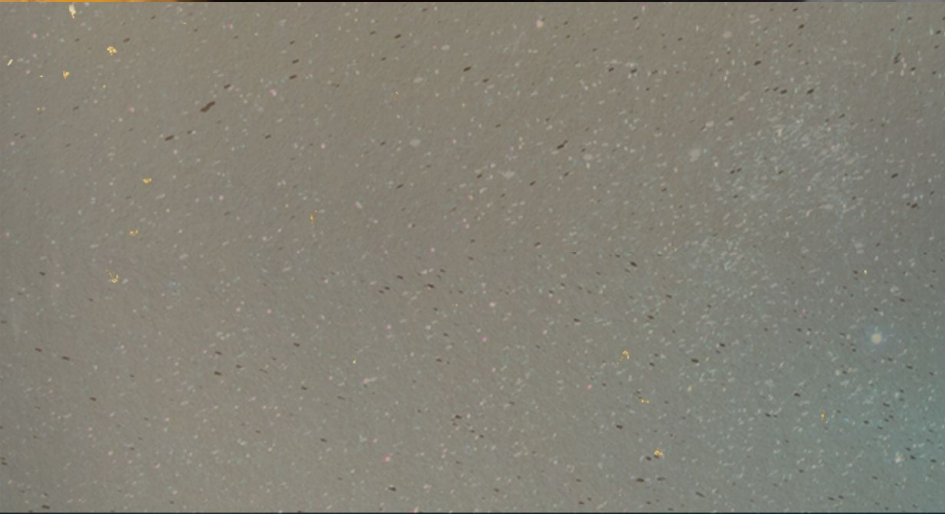




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Ephesians 4:11-12

He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

Ephesians 4:13

until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

Ephesians 4:14

so that we may no longer be children,
tossed to and fro by the waves and
carried about by every wind of
doctrine, by human cunning, by
craftiness in deceitful schemes.

Ephesians 4:15

Rather, speaking the truth in love [!! – John 1:14 - “full of grace and truth”], we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,

- *Theological Truth*
- *Relational Trust*

Ephesians 4:16

from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, *when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*

Ephesians 4:17

Now this I say and testify in the Lord,
that you must no longer walk as the
Gentiles do, in the futility of their
minds.

Ephesians 4:18

They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.

Ephesians 4:19-21

They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. But that is not the way you learned Christ! — assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus,

Ephesians 4:22-24

to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:25

Therefore, having put away falsehood,
let each one of you speak the truth
with his neighbor, for we are members
one of another.

- *Lying = Deception, in words & actions*

The Dangers of Lying

1. Lying is satanic.

- Genesis 3; John 8
- ~~Glory to God~~
- ~~Good for others~~
- ~~My joy~~

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2. Lying leads to more lying.
 - Enslaved / Trapped

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 - People pleasing
 - Self protection

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 - *Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5

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The Power of Truth

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1. Truth is Life through Jesus.

“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, no one comes to the Father except through me.” – John 14:6

The Power of Truth

~~2. Lying leads to more lying.~~

2. Truth sets us free.

“If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” - John 8:31-32

The Power of Truth

~~3. Lying feeds on fear and pride.~~

3. Truth is based on love and humility.

“There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.” - 1 John 4:18

The Power of Truth

~~4. Lying destroys trust and unity.~~

4. Truth builds trust and strength.

“Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth... The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,” - John 17:17, 22

The Power of Truth

~~5. Lying includes hypocrisy.~~

5. Truth includes integrity.

“Beware of practicing your righteousness in front of other people in order to be seen by them.” - Matthew 6:1

Speak the Truth in Love

1. “God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”
2. “Jesus is Lord.”
3. “Will you forgive me?” / “I forgive you.”
4. “Yes” or “No” - clarity; authenticity
5. “Can we talk?” - challenge; sharpening

John 17:16-18

**They are not of the world, just as I am
not of the world. [UP]**

**Sanctify them in the truth; your word
is truth. [IN]**

**As you sent me into the world, so I
have sent them into the world. [OUT]**

The Gift of the Church

Confessing the truth together

Growing in the truth

Speaking truth in love to one another

- *Discover Emmaus - Mar 2 @ 9:15*
- *New Member Class - Mar 9 @ 9:15*