

WALKING IN TRUTH

Surrounded By Lies

Week 5: The Truth Can Be Painful

- **Jeremiah 9:6**, *“You live in the midst of deception; in their deceit they refuse to acknowledge me.”*

- **Charles Finney**: “Anyone who does not practice what he admits to be true is self-deceived.” What are your thoughts on this quote?

- **Psalms 25:3**, *“No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.”*

- **Psalms 25:5**, *“Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.”*

- **Psalm 139:23-24**, *“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”*
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- **2 Samuel 11:27**, *“...but the thing David had done displeased the Lord.”*
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- **1 Samuel 16:1**, *“The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”*
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- **1 Samuel 16:6-7**, *“When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed stands here before the Lord.” ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”*
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- Achieving great exploits for the _____ of God has its place, but an _____ personal _____ are what yield _____.

- **2 Samuel 12:7-8**, "Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. ⁸ I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more.'"
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- **1 Samuel 15:17**, "Samuel said, 'Although you were once small in your own eyes, did you not become the head of the tribes of Israel? The Lord anointed you king over Israel.'"
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- **Psalms 101:2-4**, "I will be careful to lead a blameless life— when will you come to me? I will conduct the affairs of my house with a blameless heart. ³ I will not look with approval on anything that is vile. I hate what faithless people do; I will have no part in it. ⁴ The perverse of heart shall be far from me; I will have nothing to do with what is evil."
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- **Proverbs 28:13**, " *Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.*"
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- **Psalms 51:11**, " *Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.*"
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- **Psalms 32:3-4**, " *When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.*"
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- **Romans 1:18**, " *The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness,*"
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- **2 Samuel 11:27**, " *After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the Lord.*"
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- **2 Samuel 12:5**, *“David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die!”*
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- **2 Samuel 12:7**, *“Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul.’”*
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- **Psalms 32:5**, “Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin.
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- **Luke 15:18**, “I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
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- **Psalms 51:6 (The Voice)**, “But still, You long to enthrone truth throughout my being; in unseen places deep within me, You show me wisdom.”
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- **Acts 3:19**, “Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,”
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- **Psalm 32:1-2**, “Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. ² Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.
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- **2 Samuel 12:12**, “You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.’ ”
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- **Isaiah 45:9**, “Woe to those who quarrel with their Maker, those who are nothing but potsherds among the potsherds on the ground. Does the clay say to the potter, ‘What are you making?’ Does your work say, ‘The potter has no hands’?”
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- **1 Samuel 15:13-14**, *“When Samuel reached him, Saul said, “The Lord bless you! I have carried out the Lord’s instructions. ¹⁴ But Samuel said, “What then is this bleating of sheep in my ears? What is this lowing of cattle that I hear?”*
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- **1 Samuel 15:20-21**, *“But I did obey the Lord,” Saul said. “I went on the mission the Lord assigned me. I completely destroyed the Amalekites and brought back Agag their king. ²¹ The soldiers took sheep and cattle from the plunder, the best of what was devoted to God, in order to sacrifice them to the Lord your God at Gilgal.”*
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- **1 Samuel 15:22-23**, *“But Samuel replied: “Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams. ²³ For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has rejected you as king.”*
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- **1 Samuel 15:24-25**, *“Then Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned. I violated the Lord’s command and your instructions. I was afraid of the men and so I gave in to them. ²⁵ Now I beg you, forgive my sin and come back with me, so that I may worship the Lord.”*
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- **1 Samuel 15:26-28**, *“But Samuel said to him, “I will not go back with you. You have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected you as king over Israel! ²⁷ As Samuel turned to leave, Saul caught hold of the hem of his robe, and it tore. ²⁸ Samuel said to him, “The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today and has given it to one of your neighbors—to one better than you.”*
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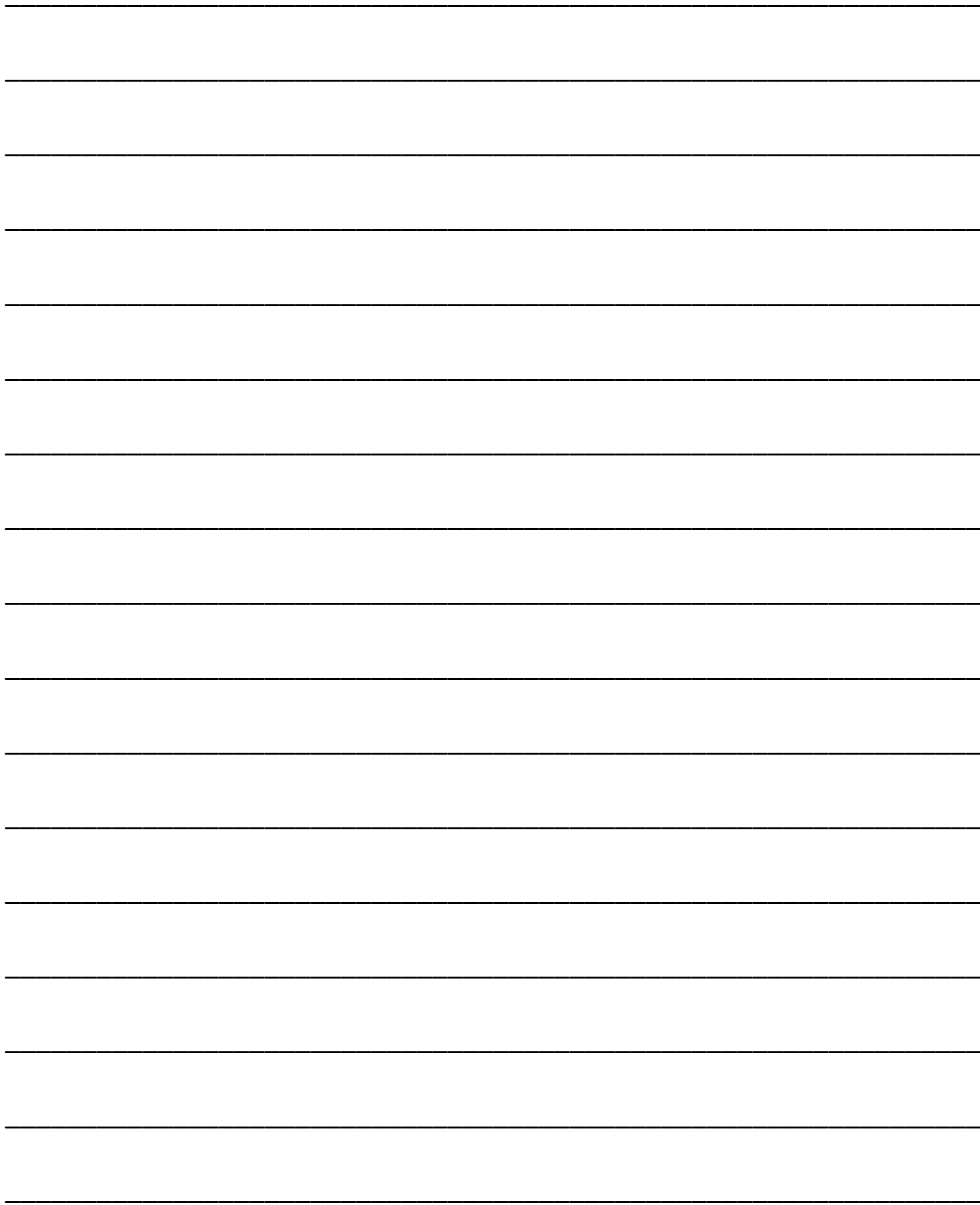
- **Vance Havner:** “God uses broken things. It takes broken soil to produce a crop, broken clouds to give rain, broken grain to give bread, broke bread to give strength. It is the broken alabaster box that gives forth perfume. It is Peter, weeping bitterly, who returns to greater power than ever.”

What are your thoughts on this quote?

- **John 8:32,** *“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*

- **John 14:6,** *“I am the way and the truth and the life...”*

- **Are you willing to consider the truth of Jesus?**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Community Book Exchange** – Third Saturday of every month :: Next date: Saturday, November 21st from 11am to 3pm
- **Prayer Walk** – Every 2nd Monday of the month :: Next date: Monday, November 9th at 5:30pm
- **Youth Group Dinner** – Please sign-up to help supply dinner for Elevate Youth Group on Wednesday evenings.
- **Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner** – Sunday, November 22nd, during normal service – sign-up in back

- **Weekly Prayer**

- Church: Epiphany Anglican Church

- Businesses: The Twin Lakes Inn,

- Brown Dog Coffee Co.,

- Sweaters, Hats-n-Stuff Like That,

- Jewelry by Ellie

- **Announcement Notes:** _____
