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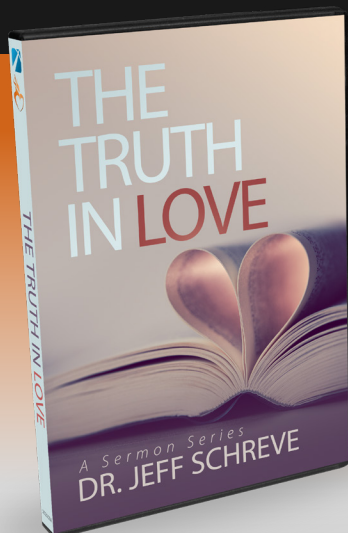
By Pastor Jeff Schreve

It's not easy being a Christian in today's post-Christian world. In fact, it's getting more difficult and isolating to take a stand for truth as multitudes of people—some who identify as Christians—*reject* biblical truth and *create their own* “truth” to replace it.

In this cultural moment, it would be easy to lay low, keep quiet, and stay off the radar screen. But Jesus just doesn't give us that option. God's people are called to stand up and be counted for Him, no matter how unpopular that witness might be.

It's going to take boldness, courage, clarity, and conviction to stay faithful to Christ and stand firm for truth. So here are three things you'll need to remember.

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PREPARE TO STAND UP AND BE COUNTED FOR CHRIST! *(continued from p. 1)*

First, a faithful witness to the Gospel must always be hard on sin.

You and I must never soft-sell the Gospel by skirting the issue of sin. Conviction of sin is the first critical step on the road to repentance and faith. People must know they're hopelessly and helplessly separated from God before they will cry out to Jesus for rescue.

Second, a faithful witness to the Gospel always gets a reaction.

The claim that there even is such a thing as objective, absolute truth is under serious attack today. So, when you dare say that there's only one way to God and His Name is Jesus, you can bet that's going to get a reaction. To be sure, the Gospel of the narrow road is upsetting news for unrepentant sinners!

And third, a faithful witness to the Gospel needs Spirit-filled boldness!

The believers in Acts chapter 4 knew exactly what it was like to proclaim Christ in the face of opposition. And when the opposition came after them, their first response was to pray...

"And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence..." And when they had prayed...they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness." (Acts 4:29-31)

This is my prayer for you too—that the Holy Spirit would equip and empower you with boldness to stand up and be counted for Him and to speak His truth in love to the glory of His great name!

Q&A *with* PASTOR JEFF



Q: Pastor Jeff, why is biblical truth being attacked so aggressively today?

A: It should be no surprise that truth is under attack—the Bible itself makes it clear that we should expect that, especially in these last days.

It's not that people don't *know* the truth; it's that they *reject* the truth and "suppress the truth in unrighteousness" (Romans 1:18). Self-centered sinners would rather have their ears tickled with soothing myths than to hear the convicting truth of the Word of God (see 2 Timothy 4:4). As we get closer to the return of Christ, we see the devil stepping up his assault on the Bible and the people of God who cling to its truths.

Q: My friends say the Bible's teaching on marriage and sexuality is outdated. How should I respond?

A: God's Word is living, active, and eternal. It contains the Maker's blueprints and instructions for how life on this planet is meant to be lived. The truth hasn't changed—it's just that society is finding new ways to reject it and replace it with a sin-affirming alternative.

First, pray for your friends! They need the Holy Spirit to open their blind eyes to their sin and their need of a Savior. *And second, pray for yourself,* that you'll be empowered to know the truth, live out the truth, and speak it in love to those around you.

LEARN TO LIVE WITH CLARITY, COURAGE, AND CONVICTION!

Dear Friend,

As God's people, you and I are called to stand for Christ in this depraved, truth-rejecting world. But if we're going to do that well, it takes clarity, courage, and conviction.

That's why I want you to have my 7-part series called The Truth in Love—to equip you in God's truth so you can live it courageously and proclaim it unashamedly.

The Truth in Love series is my thanks for your gift to help others know the truth for real through From His Heart Ministries. So be sure to request your copy on the enclosed reply card when you give today.

Your partnership is such a blessing. Thank you!



From Debbie's Heart:

EQUIP THE NEXT GENERATION FOR JESUS!

When I was growing up, I was taught that the truth of God's word was foundational and absolute. This is no longer the case. This concept (of absolute truth) is alien to the bulk of teens today. A recent survey showed that 94 percent of teens today say truth is subjective. They have completely bought into the lie that you can believe whatever you want to believe. That each individual can have their own "truth".

Somewhere along the way, we have neglected our responsibility to "train up and equip" the next generation.

But we as individuals, families, and churches must rise up and teach the truth to those following after us. It is our responsibility to lead them and be examples of what it means to be strong, unwavering in our convictions and to take a stand for Christ. We must pray for deception to fall off them and for God to get ahold of their hearts and empower them to proclaim His heart of love to this lost and hurting world.

May God use you and me to be His tools to equip our children and grandchildren to stand for Him in this anti-Christian culture. Oh that we would be found faithful!



A note to you from **PASTOR JEFF**

Dear Friend,

Martin Niemoller was a Lutheran pastor in Germany when Hitler rose to power. He soon recognized the evils of the regime and took his stand against the Nazis.

As a result, Martin was arrested by the Gestapo.

One day he was seen by another pastor who was very surprised to find him behind bars. *"Brother Martin, why in the world are you here in jail?"*

Pastor Niemoller replied, *"Given the situation in our country, the real question is this: Why aren't you in here with me?"*

Now I realize we're not quite in the same boat today in America as those living in Nazi Germany in the 1930s, but we do share Pastor Niemoller's calling—to stand against the destructive lies that grip our culture, and to stand firm for the truth.

I pray you'll be empowered to stand up for Jesus and speak the truth in love to those around you. I'm thankful for your partnership which helps make it possible for *From His Heart* Ministries to boldly proclaim the Gospel to our lost and hurting world.

God bless you!

Love,



CHRISTIE SAYS, "PEOPLE ALL AROUND THE WORLD ARE BEING INCREDIBLY BLESSED!"

Your partnership makes it possible for *From His Heart* Ministries to proclaim the truth of God's Word in more than 182 countries around the world! Christie writes...

"Hello! I have been serving on the mission field in Asia for 18 years. Over here, I hear the Word of God in a foreign language—and while I understand it, there's nothing like hearing it in your native tongue. You keep me grounded in God's Word as I lead others to Christ. People all around the world are being incredibly blessed through you and I am one of them!"

Thank you for your prayers and partnership!