



*Jesus with a Jewish Perspective*

# Speaking the Truth in Love

Part 4

June 10, 2022

# Speak the Truth in Love...

## *Message Before the Message*

- We're continuing our series on Speaking the truth in love and last week covered how love rejoices in truth, not in sin or evil thoughts.
  - Love always supports the Scriptures (truth)
  - Love never supports sin (which is contrary to the truth)
  - Love isn't built with evil thoughts/desires
- This week we're moving into part 4 of our series and we want to review and reinforce the multiple facets of love and how it plays into our everyday actions...

# Speak the Truth in Love...

## Intro

Love makes all the difference. Truth with love brings life; Truth without love is judgement.

Ephesians 4:14-15(NKJV) 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, **speaking the truth in love**, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ

Love requires maturity; speaking the truth in love brings growth towards Christ.

How does one speak the truth "in love"?

# Speaking the Truth in Love

What is Love? (summarizing 1 Corinthians 13:4-8):

- Patient
  - Kind
  - Rejoices in Truth
  - **Bears/believes/hopes all things**
  - Never Fails
  - Not envious
  - Not boasting
  - Not rude
  - Not proud
  - Not given to evil thoughts
  - **Not selfish**
  - **Not provoked**
  - Not rejoicing in sin
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- The diagram consists of two columns of bullet points. The left column lists positive attributes of love, and the right column lists negative attributes. Colored arrows connect the two columns: a green arrow connects 'Patient' to 'Not envious'; a blue arrow connects 'Kind' to 'Not boasting'; a blue arrow connects 'Rejoices in Truth' to 'Not rude'; a blue arrow connects 'Rejoices in Truth' to 'Not proud'; a black arrow connects 'Rejoices in Truth' to 'Not given to evil thoughts'; a black arrow connects 'Bears/believes/hopes all things' to 'Not selfish'; a red arrow connects 'Bears/believes/hopes all things' to 'Not provoked'; a red arrow connects 'Bears/believes/hopes all things' to 'Not rejoicing in sin'; and a black arrow connects 'Never Fails' to 'Not rejoicing in sin'.

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## Kindness

1. **Speaking the Truth and rejoicing in truth**
  - a. **Faith/Strength**
    - i. **Bears all things**
    - ii. **Believes all things**
  - b. **Patience**
    - i. **Hopes all things**
    - ii. **Endures all things**
  - c. **Not selfish**
  - d. **Not provoked**

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Kindness

Bears = **στέγω** (stegos)

- To roof over something
- Cover with silence
- Seal, protect; ward off

Believe = **πιστεύω** (pisteuo)

- To think to be true
- Persuaded
- Put confidence in/weight on



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## Bearing and believing require faith

- **Bearing and believing require faith - spiritual strength**
  - [Luk 22:32 NKJV] 32 "But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to [Me], strengthen your brethren."
- **You bear things because of belief (faith); because of that strength God gives**
- **What you are believing has value and affords us the ability to bear it - the costs**
- **It's when we lose faith in or the value of something, we no longer bear it**
  - That can be anything: sin, serving, etc.



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## Bearing and believing require faith

- Choose to speak the truth which bears and believes
  - Our love/action points towards faith; it says I believe in you/us/an outcome
  - Our love/action supports (bears) whatever obstacle or weight is pressing against it
- When you say something in love
  - Would the hearer see/feel what you are saying/doing helps carry them through; lighten their burdens (without compromising truth); does it reinforce the worth or value of something or someone?
- Does your love lift them up?



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Hope = ἐλπίζω (elpizo)

- To expect with confidence

Endures = ὑπομένω (hypomeno)

- To abide under
- Patiently remain without fleeing



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## Hope and endurance:

- **Hope and endurance require patience and faith (confidence);**
  - Hope without patience is desire
  - Hope without faith is a fantasy
  - Hope is a desire coupled with trusting HOW (or BY WHOM) it's going to happen
- **Endurance**
  - Is the willingness to keep going - fueled by Hope; without it you won't wait or continue pursuing it



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## Not Selfish / Not Provoked

- **Selfish love is one of the most prevalent forms in the world**
  - A love who's focus and goals are personal gratification and satisfaction
  - It ignores how it affects anyone else in the short or long term
  - It ignores the other person's feelings, thoughts, desires, goals - selfish love is parasitic; it consumes the host. Selfless love is symbiotic at worst.
- **Do your actions only account for you? If you struggle to find them in your action/expression other than a utility, you need to revise it...**



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## Not Selfish

- **Ask**
  - What do they need, want...
  - What fits their schedule, how much time do they need?
  - Is it something they like and expressed an interest in even if it's not something you like
  - Is it something they've asked you to do or take care of?
- **Reflect**
  - If there isn't a lot of 'them' in the idea, ask why?
  - If there's resistance to doing it, ask where in my heart is the objection - why is it hard?
- **Pray**
  - Ask the Lord to open your heart to serve, bless, and love without expectation. Do it for the Lord and leave the results to Him.
  - Make time to learn what is a blessing - maybe they want to be asked what they want (a voice), or surprised (show you are putting time/though in), or just listening (that you care/paying attention).

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## Not Easily Provoked

- Love CAN be provoked (e.g.: jealousy) but not easily
- Provoked means sharpened, to be stirred up
- Things to filter when things start to churn
  - First, don't react/respond...
    - "When angry, count ten before you speak; if very angry, an hundred."
    - Ask the Lord, 'why does this bother/grab me?'
    - Listen
  - Pray whether to bless your enemy - not always; just check
    - Demonstrate love towards those things which cause you to be spiteful or curse  
[Luk 6:28 NKJV] 28 "bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.
    - Sometimes God puts people in your path to test your heart or who need love/prayer to break what they're facing
  - Talk
  - Forgive where repentant, Release where it isn't

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## Hope and endurance:

- **Let your love/actions speak**
  - HOW things will/can happen through God
  - Reassure hope, especially in things
    - Are huge, complex
    - Will take time or a process or steps of growth
  - Build confidence by celebrating small wins and accomplishments
- [Zec 4:10 NIV] 10 "Who dares despise the day of small things, since the seven eyes of the LORD that range throughout the earth will rejoice when they see the chosen capstone in the hand of Zerubbabel?"
  - The capstone was the finishing piece on a long-term goal; each brick set was a step closer so each brick mattered in progress. Let your love be a brick in that bridge to where they want to go.

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## Selah

Selah means to ponder, think upon, pause and reflect, digest...

We use the Selah to put what we've heard into action by reflecting on the points and Scriptures, and asking the Lord in our lives to help us and to DO what we've heard

# What's Next?

Jun 10 Speaking Truth in Love (Part 4)

June 17 Speaking Truth in Love (Part 5)

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July 01 TBD

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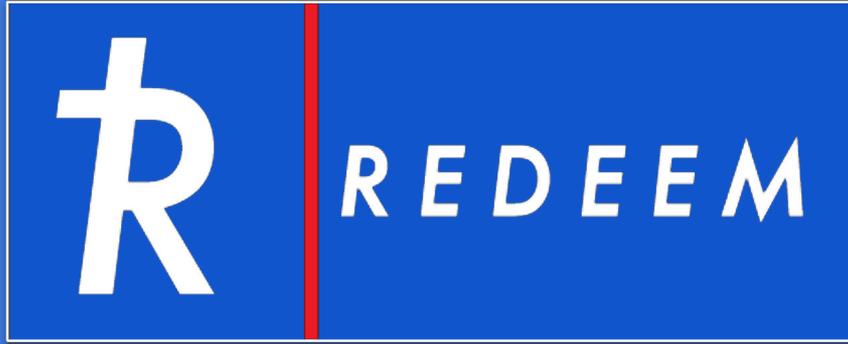
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