

Love Letter from Lisa

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Hey there,

Have you ever had an experience that you know went down a certain way? But when you hear another's perception of said experience it seems very different? THEN you find yourself wondering if you remembered it wrong?

Yep me too. So, it begs the question "which is the TRUTH?"

I have been kinda caught up in a quandary regarding TRUTH. I find myself being almost attacked with it from those around me. People that are "passionate" about assaulting me with "TRUTH" so that I might stand corrected and properly informed. Perhaps it is regarding someone I have always liked and trusted but the TRUTH is I should not. Or a particular belief I have found comforting and the TRUTH is I should be set straight for my own good. Or those who have decided what the TRUTH is about me and that it should be shared with anyone who will listen. This kind of TRUTH seems to lead nowhere good.

So, feeling frustrated with all this TRUTH I set out to discover how the bible defines this multifaceted word. Here is what I discovered....

The Bible has many references to truth and that we should seek it, honor it, and live it. That it can be found when turning to our Creator. But to really bring it home for us, God sent the TRUTH. In John 14:6, Jesus declares He is the TRUTH (+ the WAY and the LIFE) Numerous verses support this same concept that we find the TRUTH IN JESUS. Subsequently, the HOLY SPIRIT is granted to believers so that we may find that same TRUTH within us when we seek it.

Here is the inherent problem. Jesus being without sin had nothing to obscure or distort TRUTH. You and I are not Jesus. Even if we are doing our level best to become more like Him, we are still bound to our sinful nature. That nature is a conduit for the enemy of our soul to mastermind detours and misinterpretations so that TRUTH becomes a very ambiguous entity.

Another important facet of TRUTH is that it is based on an individual's position within its moments. For instance, a person facing a group may instruct them to observe the wall to the left. But to the group, the wall is to the right. Both of those observations are true but the perspective of each person make the descriptors different. This is applicable to TRUTH in general. How differing people see the world creates conflicting views. All things should be considered; past experiences, current circumstances, personal priorities etc. But then ego gets a hold of these multitude of truths and it becomes a matter of who's TRUTH is more important.

Sound at all like the world you experience? Yeah me too.

So, it makes perfect sense why TRUTH is not scaffolded in biblical descriptors but instead pointed to the RIGHTEOUSNESS OF JESUS. We struggle way too much with it. God in His infinite WISDOM knew by our "dusty frame" (Psalm 103: 14) that we would never be able to consistently reconcile who's TRUTH should reign. He sent Jesus with the perfect solution; John 13:34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved

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you, you also are to love one another.” Then LORD JESUS wrote through Apostle Paul a detailed an easily comprehensible definition of what that is and isn’t.

1 Corinthians 13 is it! The TRUTH we need to abide in. LOVE!

Now I know you may be thinking what I am thinking - the world has messed that up too making it about lust, control, physicality etc. Yes, but here is the thing. This well-defined and ego-free way is super easy to share. Most people have already heard it unless weddings are off-limits to them. We can apply it to every TRUTH-conflicting moment. We can de-conflict TRUTH in our intimate relationship with JESUS through the HOLY SPIRIT,. And the result will be a VERY VERY FRUITFUL life. (Galatians 5:22-23)

Imagine a world where swimming in JESUS LOVE, no one forced their opinion as TRUTH to another and conversations were just about how to help and serve each other. What if every step we took was basted in JESUS LOVE void of judgment, competition, or domination. And OH LORD what if JESUS LOVE coated our tongues so we only spoke of how amazing each of us is created to be versus the gossip and slander cloaked in TRUTH that prowls in grocery store aisles and school parking lots. I guess then we could say the KINGDOM has come on EARTH as it is in HEAVEN.

May your errands today be strengthened in 1 Corinthians 13 and Galatians 5:22-23. I love you all so much.

Love Lisa

P.S. Don’t wait to get your tickets for AMIGAS! August 26th 5pm.. We only have room for a 100 and last year we sold out. Can’t wait to see you there!