

WE NEED HELP!
John 16:7-15

I. I WANT THE TRUTH!

- A. *“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak...”*
- B. Misinformation and Contradictory Testimony.
 - 1. “Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?”
 - 2. In nearly every area of life, the truth is difficult to determine.
 - 3. Who do you trust?
 - * Should we “stay the course” in Iraq or pull out?
 - * Is global warming a real threat?
 - * What presidential candidate is the best for our country?
- C. We Are Easily Influenced.
 - 1. Everyone is trying to lead us to their version of the truth.
 - 2. A petition was circulated advocating the strict control or total elimination of “Dihydrogen monoxide.”
- D. What Do You Believe?
 - 1. I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
 - 2. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord.
 - 3. I believe in the Holy Spirit.

II. YOU CAN’T HANDLE THE TRUTH!

- A. *“I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.”*
- B. Living in Denial.
 - 1. Sometimes we ignore the truth because the truth is difficult to accept.
 - * Surely it isn’t cancer.
 - * Grandma is just getting forgetful.
 - 2. *“And when he comes, he will convince the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment...” (16:8)*
- C. Warning ... Warning ... Warning.
 - 1. Common everyday warnings.
 - * Don’t play in the street.
 - * Don’t drink and drive.
 - * Don’t forget to brush your teeth.
 - 2. The purpose of warnings.
 - * Warnings are meant to protect us spiritually, emotionally, and physically.
 - * Consider: 1 Cor. 10:6-11, Gal. 5:16-21, Eph. 4:26-31.
 - 3. The blessings of warnings.
 - * Imagine busy intersections without traffic signals.
 - * Imagine life with no rules.
 - * *“You will know the truth and the truth will make you free.”*

Prayer Concerns: Members – Margaret Baker, Burney Biesel, Jeanette Boatright, Sarah Clark, Jim Gibson, Maleia Lee, Mary Jo Moore, Katherine Schumacher ... Friends – Shirley Adkins, Pat Bryan, Bill Dean, Joe Dudley, Tina Gatlin, Nancy Godsey, Kathy Greer, Seth & Reece Jenson, Arvil Jones, Lucy Jones, Ellen Kaplan, Lesli Kaplan, Raymond Kelly, Dillon LaRue, Bill MacArthur, Macy Morgan, Connie Overton, Grant Self, Jayne Sorrell, Shirley Waldron

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Christian Sympathy is extended to **Rachel Haslop and family** in the death of her parents on Sunday, May 20 ... to the **friends and family of Shirley Rice** who died on Wednesday, May 23 ... to **Rev. Jim Search and family** in the death of his mother, **Agnes Searcy**, on Tuesday, May 22 ... and to **John Moore and family** in the death of his brother-in-law, **Gene Maxwell**, who died on Saturday, May 26 ...

PASTORAL PRAYER

Loving God, it's often easier for us to trust our minds than our hearts. Sometimes we believe only what our eyes let us see. Yet, we know that faith relies more on revelation than observation. Open our hearts to see Jesus. Let us see him as the Christ; let us taste him as the bread of life. Without him, we have no eternal hope; without him, our deepest hunger will never be satisfied.

Gracious Redeemer, we know that we walk by faith and not by sight. The faithful know that the best vision comes when our eyes are closed, that the richest sounds are heard in the silence, and the deepest understanding comes from believing with your heart what your mind can't comprehend.

Guiding Spirit, teach us that faith in Jesus is not something to be measured or calculated. It's not an equation to memorize. Faith is knowing that Jesus is more than we can wrap our mind around. He is the Word that can never be fully spoken.

Lord Jesus, come now as the bread of heaven and feed us till we want no more. Feed us with the bread that is eternal. Hear us now as we pray the prayer you taught us to pray ...

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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“Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convince the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

“I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

SERMON SCHEDULE

In the Sanctuary:

June 10	<i>Raising the Dead</i>	Luke 7:11-17
June 17	<i>What Was He Thinking?</i> Father's Day	Luke 7:36-8:3
June 24	<i>Building Bridges</i>	Galatians 3:23-29

On the Radio (1450 AM):

June 10	<i>A Discussion on Discrimination</i>	James 2:1-13
June 17	<i>The Bottom Line</i>	James 2:14-26
June 24	<i>Taming the Tongue</i>	James 3:1-12