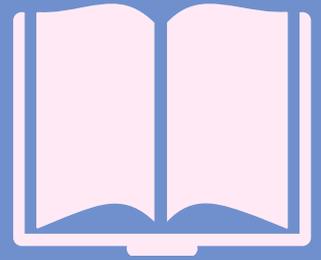


THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE

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JOHN 8 : 32



We all do have questions that may seem complex for human explanation.

Such questions push us to dig deeper into our thoughts; they could be deep and personal questions that overwhelm us. These questions should direct us to our Creator, the one who is called the Truth. And in Him is where our freedom lies. John 8:32 says: "And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free". Consequently, covering the truth will keep you in bondage.

However, the truth that we will be referring to is the personal struggles we choose to keep a secret. We're calling it "truth" because we personalize it and make it a part of our lives. This truth can take different forms, it can come in the form of an addiction, a bad habit or a sin that we excuse and we refuse to talk about. And because it's kept secret, we refuse to confide in another sister or brother in Christ so they

The reason for this is because we become so concerned about our image and reputation, that we are willing to do anything to cover up.

Many times as Christians we tend to put on a mirage of perfection or confidence - but on the inside, we are in bondage (self-inflicted bondage). In bondage by actions, thoughts or habits, and this has become a life pattern.

We struggle with something that we refuse to voice out; struggles like pornography, drugs, lying etc; even as Christians.

These are the truths that we keep inside of us, and sometimes a person dies knowing that real truth and remained a slave. Do not allow yourself to live and then die with a mind in bondage. The more we try to cover it up, the more we get buried in it.



If you cannot deal with bondage, actions, thoughts or habits that put you in slavery you must speak to a higher authority.

Whenever you cannot deal with certain things, seek out a leader, seek out a brother or sister in Christ and then let it out, speak to them about your struggles.

See someone that can help you and walk the journey of freedom with you.

Jesus set us free once and for all - the Holy Spirit is the one who teaches us all things.

The bible calls the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth. The truth that sets you free is not only the one you hear in the church but it is also the one that is inside of you that can set you free... What you know can either keep you in bondage or bring you into a life of freedom. You can either choose to live by 'truths' or you can choose to live by the TRUTH.

Esther had the truth in her of who she was and who her people were. She kept quiet about it for a time, but a time came when she had to speak the truth - as a result of her doing, an entire nation was saved. The truth doesn't only set you free, it can set other people free. Esther did not only tell the king the truth, but she spoke life for an entire nation.

The same way Esther's action saved the nation, the very same way you speaking of your struggles can bring many to light.

A contrasting scenario of a couple that chose to suppress the truth is that when Ananias and his wife stole from the church - they were given a chance to speak the truth but they chose not to, and as a result they died.

The story of Ananias and Sapphira teaches us a lot. We decide to lie to the God we have in our heart although we know He knows everything. We make decisions that lead us to death, and it is sad because it is the same thing that happened to the Pharisees that rejected Jesus.

As Christians, we are a family and that shouldn't just be a tagline but a reality.

There is nothing that can separate us from the love of God. We need to pray for one another. It would be sad to end up in hell for a sin you are struggling with just because you could not tell someone for the sake of upholding your image (1 Thessalonians 3:9-10).

Allowing yourself to stay in bondage whilst you have the gift of freedom is holding a weapon against yourself. If you need help speak up - find yourself amid the right people to intercede for you.

"If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:6-7 NKJV).

The brain has a way of tricking one to stay in bondage - it makes it normal and finds excuses for that sin. Do not fall into this trap - speak up and shame the devil. How sad it would be to someone who "lived a Christian life" but you die with a lie or an addiction/bondage inside of you. Remember that speaking up can save yourself and others.

How can you hide things in your heart if God is in your heart? We are afraid of being judged. But remember that no matter how many times you have fallen, you have the right to continuously go back to God. God's love is not influenced or altered by what you do or what you hide from Him. His love is unconditional, beyond your thoughts, actions or words.

He gives His love in its full measure and nothing can change the measure of His love for you, not even your action.