Holding Steady in Uncertain Times: Embracing Truth Not Feelings

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John 8:31-36

31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 33 They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" 34 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 35 Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

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Romans 12:2

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but <u>be</u> transformed by the renewing of your mind. then you will be able to <u>test</u> and <u>approve</u> what God's will is — his good, pleasing and <u>perfect will</u>.

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3. JESUS IS TRUTH AND HE LOVES YOU

John 8:36

"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.