

# Navigating Hard Times: Seek Truth

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## John 8:30-36

30 Even as [Jesus] spoke, many put their faith in him. 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."

## 1. JESUS IS TRUTH

### John 14:6

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

### John 1:17

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

## 2. GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMS TRUTH

### John 17:17

[Jesus said] "Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth."

### 2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

## 3. THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDES YOU INTO ALL TRUTH

### John 16:13

[Jesus said] "... when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth."

## 4. TRUTH LEADS TO SALVATION

### 2 Timothy 3:15

... the holy Scriptures, ... are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

### 1 Timothy 2:3-4

3 God our Savior, 4 ... wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

### 2 Thessalonians 2:13

... from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

## 5. TRUTH HAS OPPOSITION

### John 8:44

[Jesus said the devil] "was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

### Genesis 3:4

"You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman.

### 1 John 4:4-6

4 You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. 5 They (false spirits) are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. 6 We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

There are 2 competing for our hearts and minds...

- SATAN (the father of lies) LEADS TO DEATH.  
Proverbs 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.
- AND JESUS (the Truth) LEADS TO LIFE.  
John 10:10 "The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy. I have come that you may have life and have it to the full."