

Truth on Trial

The Road to the Resurrection - Week 2 (4-5-23)

John 18:28-19:15

I. Free Will and responsibility

- A. We are deciding what we believe to be true every day!
 - 1. “What you believe matters, and what you do with what you believe matters just as much.”
 - a) Are you “subscribed” to the truth of who Jesus is like you’re subscribed to WFLC? Where you can just turn it off when you don’t like it or just not feeling it today...
- B. You are responsible for the truth that you know/have seen!
- C. Matt. 27:24-25
 - 1. You can’t just “wash your hands” of a truth that you know but won’t act upon.
- D. John 9:41 and John 15:22
 - 1. The Pharisees were sick in their hearts and therefore refused to acknowledge the light.
 - 2. Truth must be received in the innermost parts of our being.
 - a) Psalm 51:5-12

II. Purging by fire

- A. 1 Peter 1:3-9
 - 1. There is an energy that is generated by the challenges and trials that we face in this life, and how we channel that energy reveals what truths we have chosen to believe.
 - a) There is a boost of power available from the Holy Spirit when we face such challenges!
 - 2. Truth has absolutely nothing to fear. No challenge or circumstance can ever change the truth.
 - a) When we have anchored ourselves in the truth, even the hottest fire from hell will only purge us all the more and we will come out stronger every time!
- B. James 1:2-4
- C. Matt. 7:24-27
 - 1. The things that we believe to be true is what we are building our lives on.
 - 2. In the end, truth is all that will be left standing.
 - 3. It does not mention the people that SAID they agreed with the truth, but only the people that OBEYED the truth.
 - a) We will always act on what we truly believe when the pressure comes.
 - b) The crushing brings out what has been stored up on the inside.

III. Holding to Truth when we can’t see it through...Feelings, Emotions, Circumstances, Brokenness, Struggles, Regrets, etc.

- A. Relationship with God - Built up trust
 - 1. Learn to lean in to the presence of God - Be ok with the silence!

- 2. Psalm 27:13-14
- B. Hope - The anchor of our Souls - Hebrews 6:18-19
 - 1. The Joy that was ahead of Jesus is what carried Him through to the end - Hebrews 12:1-13
- C. Exchange the lie for the Truth
 - 1. Know the Truth... or Know Who is the Truth and how to follow Him!
 - 2. Be in the habit of reassuring yourself of the truth!