

SERIES: God Is
SERMON #16: God Is Truth
TEXT: John 8:43 - 47; John 8:32, Heb 6:18
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Truth is that in which the reality exactly corresponds to the manifestation. God is true, because He really is what He declares Himself to be; because He is what He commands us to believe Him to be; and because all His declarations correspond to what really is. The truth is that which can be depended upon, which does not fail, or change, or disappoint. In this sense also God is true, as He is immutable and faithful. His promise cannot fail; His Word never disappoints. Hampton Keathley

What are some common falsehoods that you have been led to believe regarding God and your relationship with Him?

A man had just put the finishing touches on a fresh concrete driveway. He went inside to enjoy a glass of lemonade when, to his horror, he saw his little neighbor boy playing in the fresh concrete. He went outside and

yelled angrily at the boy. After he had fixed the concrete and come back inside, his wife said, "Why did you yell at him? I thought you loved little boys." The man replied, "I love little boys in the abstract, but I don't like them in the concrete." Many Christians are like that when it comes to spiritual truth. We love it in the abstract, but we don't like it in the concrete. When truth gets too specific, when it means that I actually need to change my life, that's going too far! Steven Cole

Are there certain truths in the scriptures that are easy to deal with in the abstract, but not so much in the concrete?

Is it possible to define truth without referencing God? Why or why not?

If time allows, discuss your thoughts on these two ideas concerning truth: *"Truth is the most valuable thing in the world, so valuable it is often protected by a bodyguard of lies."* Winston Churchill

Andrei Sakharov (who gave the Soviets the atomic bomb), said before he died: *"I always thought the most powerful weapon in the world was the bomb. I have changed my mind. The most powerful weapon in the world is not the bomb. It is the truth."*