



Dear Crossroads Family,

We live in an era often defined by the phrase, "You have your truth, and I have mine." In our modern culture, truth is frequently treated as a personal accessory—something we construct based on our feelings, experiences, or social preferences. This concept of relative truth suggests that there is no objective reality, only individual perspectives. While this may sound like ultimate freedom, it often leaves us adrift on an ocean of uncertainty, with no compass to guide us when the storms of life hit.

This Sunday, we are diving into a powerful new sermon titled: **"My Truth vs. God's Truth."** (Sermon notes are provided below.)

We will be exploring the stark contrast between the shifting sands of "personal truth" and the "Rock" of Biblical truth. The Scriptures teach us that truth is not something we *invent*, but something we *discover* and to which we *submit*.

As we will see in **John 14:6** and **Psalms 119**, God does not just speak the truth; He *is* the Truth. When we align our lives with His Word, we find a foundation that is:

- **Unchanging:** Not subject to the trends of the day.
- **Liberating:** As Jesus promised, "The truth will set you free."
- **Universal:** Providing a steady moral compass for all people, in all places.

If you've ever felt exhausted by the pressure of having to define your own reality, or if you're looking for a solid place to stand, this message is for you. We'll look at how moving from "my truth" to "**God's Truth**" changes our relationships, our peace of mind, and our walk with God.

Weather permitting, please join your brothers and sisters in Christ this Sunday morning for Bible study and worship as we seek the clarity that only God's Word can provide.

*** (If the weather worsens on Saturday afternoon and adverse conditions begin to set in, check for an email from the church late Saturday afternoon advising you that the Sunday church services will be canceled.)

Love,
Bro. Doug

My Truth Vs. God's Truth
Proverbs 16:20-25 & 30:1-6

The idea that truth is just a matter of personal _____ was one of the reasons _____ was written. **Proverbs 16:20-25 & 30:1-6** push back against this falsehood.

Prov. 16:20-25 says, truth isn't some internal feeling or viewpoint, but an external reality rooted in _____. Positively, it says that those who accept instruction, in particular the _____, will prosper and be blessed. Negatively, it says that there is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death. The choice we make about truth is a _____ and _____ decision.

Prov. 30:1-6 is a confession of a man who admits that he has grown _____ of trying to make sense of life's complexity on his own, that trying to find "truth" within is a _____.

The Bible teaches that human perception is _____. Paul said as much when he wrote, "For now we see only a reflection as in a _____; then we shall see face to face. Now I know _____; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known."

Furthermore, the writer says that rejecting God's truth has left him feeling weak and _____. Many truths lay beyond his grasp, making him feel more like a brute than a wise man. Mental health statistics in the 21st century prove his point with recent studies showing a _____% increase in _____ and _____ among young adults from 2005-2017.

Finally, the Bible affirms that "refuge" (peace/safety) isn't found in our own _____, but in the "flawless" _____. The world's wisdom or whatever truth you may come up with on your own can never _____ you and _____ your heart and mind from all the world will throw at you like the word of God can.

1000 years before the coming of Christ, God's word points us forward to a _____. This Son, Jesus, the Bible says is the Way, the _____, the Life, the only way to God the Father. Truth that points the way to life is found only by _____.

A Few Announcements:

Crossroads Monthly Food and Diaper Drive is next Sunday, February 1. You can use the shopping list on the website to guide your purchases. Please do not donate expired food items.

The **Quarterly Business Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, February 1, at 4:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Agendas are available in the foyer.

A **Valentine's Banquet** will be held Friday, February 13, from 6:00-9:00 pm in the Community Center Gym. Tickets are \$15.00, and will be available for purchase Sundays, January 25, and February 1 & 8 before and after the Worship Service. All proceeds will go to the youth for their summer camp. See website for more details.