Good morning, Church.

One of the hardest things to experience is discovering that someone you trusted may not have been completely truthful. Whether it is in government, business, the media, or even in our own families, broken trust leaves deep wounds. It can make us feel disappointed, angry, and even cynical.

The Bible reminds us that this is nothing new.

Jesus stood before Pilate, who asked one of history's greatest questions:

"Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?" John 18:38

Truth has always been under attack because Satan **is "a liar, and the father of it" (John 8:44).** Whenever truth is hidden or twisted, people are harmed.

As many of you have watched recent hearings and read newly released documents related to decisions made during the COVID era, it has stirred many emotions. Regardless of where we each land on every conclusion, one biblical principle remains unchanged: God loves truth, and those entrusted with authority are accountable for how they use it.

"Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight." Proverbs 12:22

There is an old story about a little boy who broke his mother's favorite lamp. When she asked who did it, he pointed to the family dog. His father smiled and said, "Son, that dog has many talents, but lying isn't one of them."

We smile because we know the truth eventually has a way of coming out.

Numbers 32:23 reminds us:

"…be sure your sin will find you out."

That truth applies to everyone, from the White House to the courthouse, from the church house to our own house.

But here's the part we must never forget.

As Christians, we are called to desire accountability without losing our spirit of grace. We can believe wrong should be exposed while also praying for those who committed it.

“And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.” Ephesians 4:32

Forgiveness does not erase accountability. A judge can sentence a criminal while still praying for his soul. Parents forgive a child while still enforcing consequences. God forgives repentant sinners, yet He often allows consequences to remain as a testimony to the seriousness of sin.

Truth and grace are not enemies. They walk together.

Today, let’s pray that truth will always prevail, that those in authority will act with integrity, that justice will be done where wrongdoing has occurred, and that our own hearts will never become bitter. The world needs more than opinions, it needs people who speak the truth in love and live it every day.

Father God, help us love truth because You are the God of truth. Give us discernment to recognize deception, courage to stand for what is right, wisdom to seek justice, and hearts willing to forgive as You have forgiven us. May we never sacrifice truth for convenience or grace for anger.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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