

# GRACE AND TRUTH

FIFTY 50 SHADES OF DEEPER GRACE - LOVE SEX AND DATING - PART 1

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## START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

- You can find some on page 6 [here](#).
- What is the deepest (water) or lowest place (geographically) you have ever been?

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## START THINKING. ASK QUESTIONS THAT WILL GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- In what ways is our society and culture oversexed?
- What are some areas you've noticed sex used/communicated that used to surprise you?
- How does our culture view the principles/concepts of grace and truth?
- Read the scriptures on the next pages in preparation for the following conversation.

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## START SHARING. CHOOSE THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL CREATE OPENNESS.

- If grace and truth were opposite sides of a teeter-totter, where would you lean? Why?
- What are your immediate reactions when you read the scriptures on the next page? Why do you think those are your first reactions?
- What would you have done if you were Jesus?
- Notice how Jesus handled the truth. Notice how Jesus handled grace. What kind of difficulties would it cause you if you handled grace and truth like that?
- Discuss the verses in John 1:14,17. Talk about the concept of being FULL of both grace and truth, and not balancing them. How can that get messy?
- Mark talked about the problems when building a church totally on grace, or totally on truth. What has been your experience in church's that were, perhaps, too far to one side? What could/should they have done instead?
- Grace and truth are in tension, always. It is a tension to manage, not resolve. How do you live out this tension?
- Believe Jesus. Receive Grace. Leave Sin. We know why we stop right before the "Leave Sin" step. Tell of a time where you didn't stop, but did "leave sin." How did that impact your believing Jesus and receiving grace?

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## START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Father, remind me that I was a mess, am a mess, or am one step away from becoming a mess, when I show grace to messy people in my life. Amen.

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## START DOING. COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- When someone in your path needs grace, just give it, no matter how messy it is to explain.

### **John 8:1-11 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

<sup>2</sup> At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them.

<sup>3</sup> The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group

<sup>4</sup> and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery.

<sup>5</sup> In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?"

<sup>6</sup> They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger.

<sup>7</sup> When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."

<sup>8</sup> Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

<sup>9</sup> At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.

<sup>10</sup> Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

<sup>11</sup> "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

### **John 1:14 (NIV)**

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

### **John 1:17 (NIV)**

<sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.