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Sunday

Sunday School~ 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service & Kid's Church ~ 10:30 a.m.
Youth Power House ~ 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Fellowship Supper ~ 5:45 p.m. & Adult Classes ~ 7:00 p.m.
KidsPlace & Nursery ~ 7:00 p.m.
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**Our Purpose is to expand God's Kingdom, as we reach, teach,
disciple and activate people for our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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A Message From The Pastor

Truth vs. Lies

In the eighth chapter of the Gospel of John a discussion occurs between Jesus and some Pharisees regarding the credibility of His claims. Jesus unequivocally proclaims that He is of His Father, God. He states that He is the proclaimer of Truth, and that His truth will set them free. Whereupon they deny ever having known bondage – which is

not true. The Pharisees accused Jesus of having a demon, of being a Samaritan (whom they hated), of being anything other than the teller of truth – which He proclaimed that He was telling. In fact, He boldly stated that if He agreed with them, then He would be just as they were: a liar. To deny God, to deny God's involvement in His life, to deny that He and the Father were One, would be a lie for Jesus. This conversation ended when the Pharisees, picking up stones, planned to kill Jesus. The scripture indicates that He walked out from the midst of them.

Now, how 'bout us. Is it possible that we become so ingrained in lies that we refuse to see, to acknowledge, to yield to truth. I believe that truth can be upper case Truth, or lower case truth. Capital T, Truth, is the Truth that Jesus is the Christ of God. We must come to a recognition that T, Truth, is confronting us with salvation and freedom.

Small t, truth, may be those truths that we learn about ourselves, our beliefs, our proclamations. Small t, truths, may occur when we are confronted with the fact that our information is wrong, incomplete, inaccurate and that we have to make adjustments in our beliefs. Small t, truth, may occur when we are confronted with the destruction of our behaviors, words, attitudes which leads us to confession, repentance, and, in many cases, restitution.

For, you see, just as this story of the Pharisees (religious leaders) indicates, it is possible to be confronted with t, truth, to deny it, to accuse the messenger of being a liar, and to continue to walk in darkness. And, that darkness is bondage, as Jesus described. Walking in bondage may even become comfortable, acceptable, perhaps even desirable. It is so when we resign ourselves to satisfaction with the measure of truth we now have and are opposed to any new truth(s). Denial of, resistance to, outright opposition to – truth – has resulted in wars, family break-ups, church splits, long-lasting squabbles. The gospel continuously confronts us with T(t)ruth. To walk in freedom requires that we yield ourselves to T(t)ruth.