

The Grace and Truth Tension

Part three of the series, "Connect: Embracing God's Power Through Others"

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John 1:14-18 ESV

We should live with full of GRACE and full of TRUTH just as Jesus did.

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth... ¹⁶For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." (v.14, 16-17)

Grace and truth is not a problem to SOLVE, but a tension to MANAGE.

"For I rejoice greatly when the brothers came and testified to your truth, as indeed you are walking in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." (3 John 1:3-4 ESV)

"...and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved." (2 Thessalonians 2:10 ESV)

"The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' ...'" (Matthew 11:19 ESV)

"...the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you." (1 Peter 5:10 ESV)

Jesus never DUMBED DOWN truth and He never DIALED BACK grace.

"...they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. ⁵Now in the Law, Moses command us to stone such women. So what do you say?' ⁶This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. ⁷And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.' ⁸And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. ¹⁰Jesus stood up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' ¹¹She said, 'No one, Lord.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.'" (John 8:4-11 ESV)

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