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但願使人有盼望的神
因信將諸般的喜樂平安
充滿你們的心使你們借
聖靈的能力大有盼望

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2019.04.21 (Sunday) Devotion

Title: [We Know God's Truth Through Creation]

"But the basic reality of God is plain enough. Open your eyes and there it is!" (Romans 1:19 MSG).

About 35 years ago, I was at a camp in the mountains. Alone in a room, I prayed, "God, if there is a God, I'm open. If you're real, I want to know you're real. And, Jesus Christ, if you can change my life, if there is a purpose for my life, I want to know it."

You know what happened? I didn't get goose bumps. I didn't cry. No bright lights shone down — nothing like that.

Yet, still, it was the turning point in my life, because I was no longer biasing myself against God. I wanted to know the truth, even if it was inconvenient.

Truth can be discovered, but first we have to have an attitude of openness that says, "I want the truth more than anything else." Once you choose that attitude, you can discover the truth. How?

First, through creation.

We learn a lot about God and a lot about truth just by looking at nature. This is why science is so important — it helps us understand God and his universe.

For instance, by knowing that there are 60,000 varieties of beetles, we learn God likes variety. By seeing a volcano, a tidal wave, or an earthquake, we learn God is powerful. From the delicately balanced ecosystem, we can observe God is incredibly organized.

The Bible says, *"The basic reality of God is plain enough. Open your eyes and there it is! By taking a long and thoughtful look at what God has created, people have always been able to see what their eyes as such can't see: eternal power, for instance, and the mystery of his divine being. So nobody has a good excuse"* (Romans 1:19-20 MSG).

God will also lead us to the truth through conscience, through careful consideration, through God's commandments, and through Jesus Christ. We'll talk more about it in the next few days.

Talk It Over

- Why is God's truth often inconvenient?
- What do you need to change about your attitude so that you can earnestly seek truth?
- How have you seen aspects of God's character revealed in creation?

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2019.04.21 (週日) 靈修

題目: [藉創造認識真理]

「神的事情，人所能知道的，原顯明在人心裏，因為神已經給他們顯明。」（羅馬書 1:19）

大約 35 年前，我在山上的一個營地，獨自在一個房間裏祈禱，「神啊，如果有一位神，我就打開心扉。如果你是真的，我也想知道你是真的。而且，耶穌基督，如果你能改變我的人生，如果我的人生有個使命，我想知道它的意義。」

你知道發生了什麼嗎？我沒有起雞皮疙瘩；我沒哭；沒有刺眼的光照——都沒有。

然而，它仍然是我生命中的轉折點，因為我不再讓自己偏頗地反對神。我想知道真理，即使真理可能難以面對。

真理可以被發現，但首先我們必須有一種開放的態度，就是說：「我最想要的是真理。」一旦選擇了這種態度，你就能發現真理。如何可能呢？

首先，藉著創造。

單憑觀察自然，我們就學到了很多關於神和關於真理的知識。這就是科學如此重要的原因 - 它有助於我們理解神和祂的宇宙。

例如，知道有 6 萬種甲蟲，我們就曉得神喜歡多樣化。通過觀看火山、潮汐或地震，我們就了解到神滿有能力。從微妙平衡的生態系統中，我們可以觀察到神是非常有條理的。

聖經說：「神的事情，人所能知道的，原顯明在人心裏，因為神已經給他們顯明。自從造天地以來，神的永能和神性是明明可知

的，雖是眼不能見，但藉著所造之物就可以曉得，叫人無可推諉。」（羅馬書 1:19-20）

神也會藉著良心、深思熟慮、誠命和耶穌基督，引導我們走向真理。我們將在接下來的幾天內詳細討論。

生命反思

- 為什麼神的真理常常難以面對？
- 你需要如何改變自己的態度，以便能真誠地尋求真理？
- 你是如何看待神在創造中所顯明的本性的？

靈修筆記

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2019.04.22 (Monday) Devotion

Title: [We Know God's Truth Through Conscience]

“Even Gentiles, who do not have God’s written law, show that they know his law when they instinctively obey it, even without having heard it” (Romans 2:14 NLT, second edition).

God leads us to discover his truth not only through creation but also through our conscience.

Some things are hard wired in us by God; we know they are always right or always wrong, no matter what anybody else says. Our conscience tells us this. The Bible says, *“Even Gentiles, who do not have God’s written law, show that they know his law when they instinctively obey it, even without having heard it. They demonstrate that God’s law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right”* (Romans 2:14-15, NLT, second edition).

Say we take a random sample of 1 million people from around the planet and put them on a corner in New York City. We say, “Here’s a 92-year-old blind lady with a walker. She needs to cross the street. Tell me which of these three options is morally right: One, you can let her try to cross on her own. Two, you can help her cross the street. Three, you can push her into oncoming traffic.”

The apostle Paul says, even non-Christians have been wired to know the right thing to do (see Romans 2:14-16). Regardless of whether or not we follow it, every one of us knows what is right because God has given us a conscience.

We are also led to the truth through careful consideration, through God’s commandments, and through Jesus Christ, which we’ll explore as the week continues.

So when you feel like you’ve lost everything, stop focusing on what’s lost and start focusing on what’s left: God and his love for you.

Talk It Over

- How does it make you feel to do the opposite of what your conscience tells you is right?
- If your conscience leads you to discover truth, how can you find out more about God's truth?
- How does following your conscience make you more like Christ?

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2019.04.22 (週一) 靈修

題目: [藉良心認識真理]

「沒有律法的外邦人若順著本性行律法上的事，他們雖然沒有律法，自己就是自己的律法。」（羅馬書 2:14）

神不僅藉著創造，而且藉著良心引導我們發現祂的真理。

有些事情神根植在我們心中；我們知道無論別人說什麼，這些事都是是非分明的。我們的良心告訴我們這一點。聖經說：「沒有律法的外邦人若順著本性行律法上的事，他們雖然沒有律法，自己就是自己的律法。這是顯出律法的功用是刻在他們心裏，他們是非之心同作見證，並且他們的思念互相較量，或以為是，或以為非。」（羅馬書 2:14-15）

假設我們從全球各地隨機抽取 100 萬人並將他們放在紐約市的一個角落，我們說：「有一位 92 歲的盲人女士，帶著助行器，她需要過馬路。告訴我這三個選項中哪一個在道德上是正確的：一，你可以讓她嘗試自己過馬路。二，你可以幫她過馬路。三，你可以把她推向迎面而來的車流。」

使徒保羅說，即使是非基督徒，他們也知道要做正確的事（羅馬書 2:14-16）。無論是否遵循它，每個人都知道什麼是正確的，因為神給了我們良心。

我們也藉著深思熟慮，藉著神的誠命和耶穌基督而被引向真理，我們將在這一週繼續探索。

生命反思

- 如果你違背自己的良心行事，你感受如何？
- 如果你的良心引導你發現真理，你怎麼能更多地了解神的真理呢？
- 順著良心如何讓你更像基督？

靈修筆記

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2019.04.23 (Tuesday) Devotion

Title: [We Know God's Truth Through Careful Consideration]

“Carefully consider the path for your feet, and all your ways will be established” (Proverbs 4:26 HCSB).

When you tell God, “I want the truth more than anything else,” he will reveal his truth to you in a variety of ways, such as through creation or your conscience and also through careful consideration.

In other words, truth is knowable. You can test it. You can experiment with it. You can prove it.

If I want to go to San Francisco and I follow a map that takes me to San Francisco, and the next week I follow the same map to San Francisco again, eventually I figure out that the map is true.

The same is true of the Bible: If you follow its map again and again, you'll find it to be true. It always takes you where it says it's going to take you. You may not always like where it takes you, but it always takes you where it says it's going to take you.

Often people say, “Why won't God just write it in the sky?” Why would God do that? He gave you a brain. But most people never slow down long enough for such careful consideration. Most people just drift through life.

The Bible tells us, *“Carefully consider the path for your feet, and all your ways will be established” (Proverbs 4:26 HCSB).*

Spend some time in careful consideration and thoughtful observation, and ask yourself: “Am I on a true path?”

2019.04.23 (週二) 靈修

題目: [藉深思認識真理]

「你要謹慎你腳下的路徑，你一切所行的就必穩妥。」（箴言 4:26 新譯本）

當你告訴神「我最想要的是真理」時，祂會以各種方式向你顯明祂的真理，例如藉著創造，藉著良心，藉著深思熟慮。

換句話說，真相是可知的，是可以測試、可以嘗試、可以證明的。

如果我想去舊金山，我會按照一張地圖的指引去舊金山，下週我再次按照相同的地圖去舊金山，最後我發現地圖是真的。

聖經也是如此：如果你一次又一次地遵循聖經地圖的指引，你會發現它是真的。它總是會帶你到它會帶你去的地方。你可能並不總是喜歡它帶你到達的地方，但它總會帶你到它會帶你去的地方。

人們經常說，「為什麼神不會把它寫在天空中？」為什麼神會那樣做？祂給了人一個大腦。但大多數人從來沒有把腳步放得足夠慢去認真思想。大多數人只是在生活中隨波逐流。

聖經告訴我們，「你要謹慎你腳下的路徑，你一切所行的就必穩妥。」（箴言 4:26 新譯本）

花一些時間深思熟慮、深入觀察，並問自己：「我是走在真理的道路上嗎？」

生命反思

- 你的生活節奏如何影響你深思熟慮或探討真理的能力？
- 為什麼測試真理很重要？
- 你如何使用聖經作為深思熟慮的一部分？

靈修筆記

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2019.04.24 (Wednesday) Devotion

Title: [Having the Courage to Stand Up for God]

“Don’t worry about how or what you should speak. For you will be given what to say at that hour because you are not speaking, but the Spirit of your Father is speaking through you” (>Matthew 10:19b-20 HCSB)

“Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent” (Acts 18:9b NIV).

As you search Scripture for God’s truth, it’s important to understand what the Bible says about three controversial issues. I mention these three because they are the ones you need the most courage to speak up about. Why? Because not only will many people disagree with you about these topics, they will also be very passionate in their argument.

It takes uncommon courage to stand up against that kind of pressure.

There are a lot of parts of the Bible that people don’t have a problem with, like “You must help the poor.” Nobody disagrees with that. But there are three areas related to sanctity that some Christians avoid talking about. They are:

1. The sanctity of life: God has a purpose for every unborn child. God planned your life before you were born: *“You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed”* (Psalm 139:16 NLT). We are to speak up for those who can’t speak for themselves — the unborn, the 70 million Americans who would be here if they hadn’t been aborted. If I claim to be a Christian, then I must believe that every life is sacred.

2. The sanctity of sex: Sex is only for marriage. Sex was God’s idea. It isn’t dirty or wrong; sex is holy. *“Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral”* (Hebrews 13:4 NIV). God’s instructions never change: Premarital sex is unacceptable to God. Living together

without being married is unacceptable to God. Adultery is unacceptable to God. Pornography and the objectification of women are unacceptable to God.

3. The sanctity of marriage: One man and one woman for life. That is God’s intended, original design. A lot of people ask, “Well, what about all the polygamy in the Bible?” The Bible doesn’t approve everything it reports in the Bible. So why do we call it a “holy” Bible? Because it tells the truth, and it is very clear on the issue of marriage: *“At the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh . . .’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate”* (Matthew 19:4-6 NIV).

There are many issues of life where people of goodwill can disagree. For example, there’s no economic recovery plan in the Bible, and Christians can disagree on that. But if you call yourself a disciple of Christ, you need to line yourself up with what God says about the sanctity of these three things. And you need to have the courage to stand up for them, even and especially when it’s not the popular or politically correct thing to do.

Talk It Over

- When was the last time you spoke up for Jesus in a conversation about one of these three topics? What keeps you from speaking up more often?
- How can you better prepare yourself to have effective conversations about these topics?
- How do you think a Christian’s worldview should affect how he or she looks at political candidates?

2019.04.24 (週三) 靈修

題目: [勇於為神挺身而出]

「……用不著擔心說甚麼和怎麼說，因為那時你們必得著當說的話：因為說話的不是你們，而是你們的父的靈，是他在你們裏面說話。」（馬太福音 10:19-20 新譯本）

「不要怕，只管講，不要閉口！」（使徒行傳 18:9 下 新譯本）

在聖經中尋找神的真理時，重要的是要明白聖經在三個有爭議問題上的教導。我提到這三個是因為這是你最需要勇氣說出來的。為什麼？因為不僅許多人不同意你對這些話題的看法，他們也會為自己的論點激烈辯解。

站在這種壓力下需要非凡的勇氣。

人們對聖經中很多部分沒有疑問，比如「你必須幫助窮人」，沒有人不同意這一點。但是有些基督徒避免談論與神聖有關的三個領域，就是：

1.生命的神聖性: 神對每個未出生的孩子都有目的。在你出生之前，神已計劃好你的人生：「我未成型的身體，你的眼睛早已看見；為我所定的日子，我還未度過一日，都完全記在你的冊上了。」（詩篇 139:16）。我們要為那些不能為自己說話的人說話——未出生的，如果沒有流產就會在這裏的 7000 萬美國人。如果我自稱是基督徒，那麼我必須相信每一個生命都是神聖的。

2.性的神聖性: 性只能存在於婚姻。性是神的心意。它不骯髒也沒有錯；性是聖潔的。「人人都應該尊重婚姻，婚床也不要玷污，因為神一定審判淫亂的和奸淫的人。」（希伯來書 13:4 新譯本）。神的指示永遠不會改變：婚前性行為是神所不能接受的。婚前同

居是神所不能接受的。通姦是神不能接受的。色情產品和物化女性是神所不能接受的。

3.婚姻的神聖性: 一男一女，一生一世。這是神的心意和原本的設計。很多人問，「那麼，聖經中所有的一夫多妻制呢？」聖經並沒有認可它裏面記錄的一切。那麼為什麼我們稱它為「神聖的」聖經呢？因為它講真理，並且在婚姻問題上非常明確：「...那起初造人的，是造男造女，並且說：『因此，人要離開父母，與妻子連合，二人成為一體。』這經你們沒有念過嗎？既然如此，夫妻不再是兩個人，乃是一體的了。所以，神所配合的，人不可分開。」（馬太福音 19:4-6）

生活中有許多問題，善意的人可能並不認同。例如，聖經中沒有經濟復興計劃，基督徒可能會對此持不同意見。但是，如果你自稱為基督的門徒，你就需要與神所說的這三件事的神聖性立場保持一致。即便是被認為非主流或政治不正確，尤其是當被認為非主流或政治不正確的時候，你就該有勇氣為此挺身而出。

生命反思

- 你最近一次在這三個問題上為耶穌挺身而出是什麼時候？是什麼阻礙了你為耶穌發聲？
- 你當如何更好地做準備，以便就這些話題進行更有果效的對話？
- 你認為基督徒的世界觀如何影響他們對政治候選人的看法？

靈修筆記

2019.04.25 (Thursday) Devotion

Title: [We Know God's Truth Through His Commandments]

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right” (2 Timothy 3:16 NLT, second edition).

If I discover truth from the Bible, how do I know the Bible is true? There's a world of objective evidence, both external and internal, that says the Bible is true.

External evidence proves the Bible is a historical book that you can trust. There are 5,366 copies of the Bible dating from the time it was written to just 70 years afterward. That fact dispels the urban legend that the Bible was changed as it passed through generations and languages.

External evidence also includes many archaeological discoveries. For example, historians used to say that Solomon couldn't have had the horses the Bible says he had because no one had horses at that time. But then thousands of horse stables were found in an archaeological dig.

There's also the internal evidence of the Bible itself. In a court of law, a prosecutor with two or three eyewitness accounts has a good chance of making his case. The Bible is filled with eyewitness accounts. Moses was there when the Red Sea split; Joshua was there to watch Jericho fall; the disciples saw the resurrected Jesus.

The internal evidence of the Bible also includes the fact that it tells one story with consistency — though it was written over 1,500 years on three different continents by 40 different authors from every walk of life. No human being could account for that. It's an amazing example of God's abilities.

The Bible says, *“There's nothing like the written Word of God for showing you the way to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Every*

2019.04.25 (週四) 靈修

題目: [藉誠命認識真理]

「聖經都是神所默示的，於教訓、督責、使人歸正、教導人學義都是有益的。」（提摩太後書 3:16）

如果要從聖經中發現真理，我怎麼知道聖經是真的？其實有一個客觀證據的世界，無論是外在還是內在的證據，都證明聖經是真實的。

外部證據證明聖經是一本值得信賴的歷史書。從寫作到成書 70 年之後，聖經有 5,366 份抄本。這一事實否定了市井傳說，即聖經經歷不同世代和語言變遷而發生了變化。

外部證據還包括許多考古發現。例如，歷史學家曾經說過，所羅門不可能擁有聖經所說的那麼多馬匹，因為當時沒有人擁有馬匹。但是考古挖掘發現了數以千計的馬廄。

聖經本身也有內部證據。在法庭上，檢察官根據兩三個目擊者的證詞就可立案提起訴訟。聖經中充滿了目擊者的陳述。當紅海分開時，摩西在那裏；約書亞親眼看見耶利哥城塌陷；門徒們看見了復活的耶穌。

聖經的內部證據還包括這樣一個事實，即它講述了一個前後一致的故事——雖然它是由來自各行各業的 40 位不同作者，在三個不同的大陸上先後寫了 1500 多年。沒有人可以解釋這一點。這也顯示了神的大能。

聖經說：「……這聖經能使你因信基督耶穌，有得救的智慧。聖經都是神所默示的，於教訓、督責、使人歸正、教導人學義都是有益的，叫屬神的人得以完全，預備行各樣的善事。」（提摩太後書 3:15-17）

生命反思

- 還有什麼其它外部證據證明聖經是真的？
- 在你看來，為什麼有這麼多人想要證明聖經不是真的？
- 聖經在哪些方面對你的生活有益處？你是否領受了聖經所提供的所有教訓和教導？

靈修筆記

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2019.04.26 (Friday) Devotion

Title: [We Know God's Truth Through Jesus Christ]

"Jesus told him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me'" (John 14:6 NLT, second edition).

The Bible says that Jesus was full of grace and truth. Truth is not a principle. Truth is a person. Truth is Jesus Christ.

One of the clearest and best-known statements by Jesus is this: *"Jesus told him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me'" (John 14:6 NLT, second edition).*

Notice Jesus says, *"I am the truth."* He doesn't say truth is a religion, a ritual, or a set of rules and regulations. He says "I." Truth is a person.

This is what separates Jesus Christ from every other leader of every other faith. Other leaders have said, "I'm looking for the truth" or "I'm teaching the truth" or "I point to the truth" or "I'm a prophet of truth." Jesus comes and says, *"I am the truth."*

A lot of people say, "I think Jesus was just a great teacher." But he couldn't be just that: No great teacher would claim to be God if he wasn't. Either Jesus is conning 2.3 billion people who believe a lie or he was nuts *or Jesus is who he said he was.*

Everybody's betting their life on something. I'm betting my life that Jesus is who he said he was.

What do you do with the truth once you've discovered it? Four things:

- 1. Believe the truth!**
- 2. Do the truth. Truth is not just an intellectual exercise. It's something you obey.**
- 3. Stand for the truth. The Bible tells us our responsibility is to never oppose the truth but to stand for it at all times.**
- 4. Spread the truth.**

The Bible says, “*Let everything you do reflect your love of the truth and the fact that you are in dead earnest about it*” (Titus 2:7b TLB). There’s a lot in the Bible that I don’t understand, and that makes me uncomfortable. But the fact is, it is the truth. It is a map that always takes me where it promises.

Talk It Over

- How are you getting to know Jesus Christ better?
- What are some opportunities you have every day to stand for the truth?
- Are there some parts of the Bible that you do not believe? Ask God to help you with your unbelief so that you can believe and then obey God's Word.

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2019.04.26 (週五) 靈修

題目: [藉耶穌基督認識真理]

「耶穌說我就是道路、真理、生命；若不藉著我，沒有人能到父那裏去。」（約翰福音 14:6）

聖經說耶穌充滿了恩典和真理。真理不是一個原則。真理是一個人。真理就是耶穌基督。

耶穌最明確和最著名的陳述之一就是：「耶穌說我就是道路、真理、生命；若不藉著我，沒有人能到父那裏去。」（約翰福音 14:6）

要注意耶穌說：「我就是真理。」祂並沒有說真理是一種宗教，一種儀式，或一套規定規則。祂說「我。」真理是一個人。

這就是耶穌基督與其他所有信仰的領袖截然不同的原因。其他領袖說，「我正在尋找真理」或「我正在教導真理」或「我指出真理」或「我是真理的先知。」耶穌來了並且說，「我就是真理。」

很多人說，「我認為耶穌只是一位偉大的老師。」但祂不僅如此：如果自己不是的話，任何偉大的老師都不會聲稱自己是神。耶穌若不是欺瞞 23 億人讓他們相信謊言，那就是瘋了；不然耶穌就是祂所說的真理。

每個人都把自己的生命押在某事上。我以我整個生命相信，耶穌就是祂所說的真理。

一旦你發現這個真理，你該做些甚麼？ 你應該做四件事：

1.相信真理！

2.行出真理。真理不僅僅是一種智力鍛煉，你要順服真理。

3.捍衛真理。聖經告訴我們，我們的責任是永遠不要反對真理，而要始終堅持真理。

4.傳揚真理。

聖經說：「你自己凡事要顯出善行的榜樣；在教訓上要正直、端莊」（提多書 2:7）。聖經中有很多我不明白的東西，這讓我感到不舒服。但事實是，聖經就是真理，就是一張總能把我帶向應許之地的地圖。

生命反思

- 你如何更認識耶穌基督？
- 你每天都有什麼機會來為真理挺身發聲？
- 你不相信聖經的某些部分嗎？求神在你不信的方面幫助你，這樣你就可以相信並遵行神的道。

靈修筆記

2019.04.27 (Saturday) Devotion

Title: [How to Have Uncommon Courage]

“Stand up for me against world opinion and I’ll stand up for you before my Father in heaven” (Matthew 10:32 MSG).

In a world full of ideas and beliefs that go against God’s Word, God wants you to have an uncommon courage and stand up for what you know is true and right. Everyone else is speaking up and telling you their worldview every day. Why shouldn’t you stand up for what you believe?

To stand courageously, you have to know what God says is the truth and what the world believes. This is called a worldview — the perspective on which you base your beliefs. Every person uses a different filter through which they see and understand the world. We may all be looking at the same event, but we will see it differently because of our conflicting worldviews.

Your worldview includes how you see God, yourself, others, the past, the present, the future, money, time, good, and evil. It influences everything in your life. Every time you make a decision, you access the worldview database in your mind and decide that, because you believe *this*, *this* is what you’re going to do. Your worldview influences every choice you make.

Here’s the problem: You are profoundly influenced by the worldviews of others. Every time you have a conversation, a worldview is being communicated. You are influenced by the worldviews of your parents, friends, an advertisement, or a newspaper article. Nothing is fair and balanced, because everyone has a worldview.

It is absolutely crucial, then, that you base your worldview on God’s Word, which is the only truth.

One national survey found that 62 percent of Americans claimed they are “deeply spiritual.” When asked how that spirituality affects their decision making, 31 percent said they make moral choices based on

“what feels right and comfortable,” 18 percent on “whatever is best for me,” 14 percent on “whatever causes the least conflict with others,” and only 16 percent on “what God’s Word says.”

What does that mean? It means most Christians have a non-Christian worldview. You may be a Christian and headed for Heaven, but you can also have a non-Christian worldview because you’ve based it on what you’ve learned from the world and not from the Word.

Why is it important to stand up and speak the truth? Matthew 10:32-33 says, “*Stand up for me against world opinion and I’ll stand up for you before my Father in heaven. If you turn tail and run, do you think I’ll cover for you?*” (MSG).

God is telling you to make a stand for his truth. Taking that kind of stand requires an uncommon courage that is only available through the knowledge and understanding of God’s Word.

Talk It Over

- What worldview do you think people would say you have?
- In what ways did your worldview affect decisions you made today?
- How is your biblical knowledge helping you take a stand for God’s truth?

2019.04.27 (週六) 靈修

題目: [要有不凡的勇氣]

「凡在人面前認我的，我在我天上的父面前也必認他。」（馬太福音 10:32）

在一個充滿反對神的道的思想和信仰的世界裏，神希望你擁有一種不凡的勇氣，並為你所知道的真理和公義而奮鬥。每個人都高談闊論，天天都告訴你他們的世界觀。為什麼你不能捍衛自己的信仰？

要勇敢地站立，你必須知道神的話就是真理，也要知道這個世界所信的是甚麼。個人信仰的基本觀點被稱為世界觀。每個人都通過不同的過濾器來觀看並理解世界。大家可能都在關注同一事件，但由於彼此的世界觀差異，就會有不同的看見。

世界觀包括以下幾個方面：如何看待神，看待自己、他人、過去、現在、未來、金錢、時間、良善和邪惡。它會影響你人生中的一切。每次做出決定時，你都會搜尋自己腦海中的世界觀數據庫做出決定，因為相信自己的世界觀，你就會據此而行。世界觀會影響你的每一個選擇。

問題在於：你深受其他人的世界觀影響。每次對話時，都會傳達世界觀。你受父母、朋友、廣告或報紙文章的世界觀影響。沒有什麼是公平和平衡的，因為每個人都有世界觀。

因此，至關重要的是：你的世界觀是基於神的道，神的道是唯一的真理。

一項全美國的調查發現，62%的人聲稱他們「非常屬靈」。當被問及這種靈性如何影響他們的決策時，31%的人表示他們根據「感覺正確和舒適」做出道德選擇，18%的人根據「無論什麼只要對我最有利」來選擇，14%是根據「與其他人最不會發生沖突」來選擇，只有16%的人根據「神的道」做選擇。

這是什麼意思？這意味著大多數基督徒都有非基督徒的世界觀。你可能是一個基督徒，前往天堂，但你仍會擁有一種非基督徒的世界觀，因為你的基礎是你從世界而不是從聖經中學到的東西。

為什麼挺身為真理發聲很重要？馬太福音 10:32-33 說：「凡在人面前認我的，我在我天上的父面前也必認他；凡在人面前不認我的，我在我天上的父面前也必不認他。」

神告訴你要表明祂的真理。採取這種立場需要一種不凡的勇氣，這種勇氣只有藉著對神聖言的認識和理解才能獲得。

生命反思

- 你認為人們會說你有什麼世界觀？
- 你的世界觀以何種方式影響你今天做出的決定？
- 你的聖經知識如何幫助你對神的真理表明立場？

靈修筆記

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