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9:45-11:00 am



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YOUTH Gr. 6-8 & 9-12
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In Memory of Roberta Abrams



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Sat., Jan. 11 • 2:30 pm • WS North

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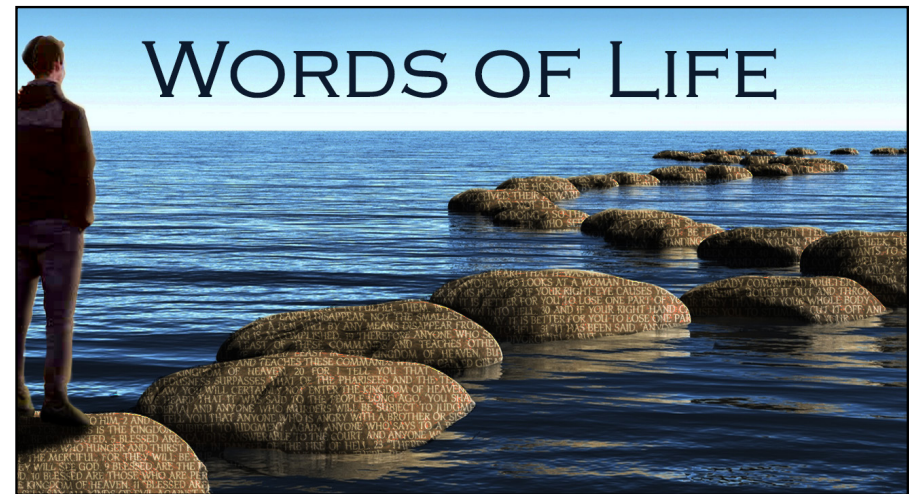
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THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE:

Speak Truth

Matthew 5:33-37 (NIV)

³³ "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.'
³⁴ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. ³⁷ All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.



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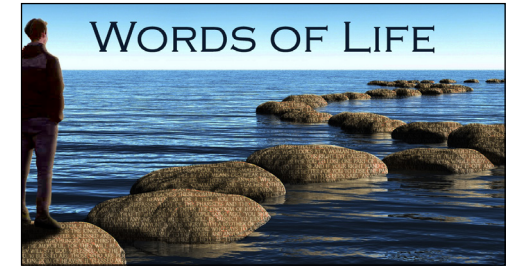
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Prelude Kay Johnston

Greetings & Life in the Church Joe Engel

Call to Worship Psalm 15
Leader: LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain?
All: The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart; whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others; who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the LORD; who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind; who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.
Leader: Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

Songs of Worship & Praise
Glorify, Thy Name No. 9
Majesty No. 10

First Scripture Reading James 3:1-12

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Song of Thanksgiving
O For A Heart To Praise My God No. 650

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 5:33-37

Message *Speak Truth* Rev. Ralph Kieneker

The Lord's Supper Patty Niccoli

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Doxology & Celebration of Life

Speak Truth

SERMON NOTES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

I. Introduction: Living in the age of Truthiness

Question: Why do we lie?

II. Refuse to Manipulate

a. The OT guidance

b. The Problem with Oaths

i. Now you can trust me, really

ii. Let me use God to get my way

III. Speak Truth: Let your “yes” be “yes” and your “no”, “no.”

a. Recognize it is a heart issue

b. Choose honesty (with love)

c. Keep your word even when it hurts

d. Build deep friendships

IV. Conclusion:

Living by Faith: Trusting Jesus with the outcome

Discussion Questions

Sharing Life Together

1. Share a time when you felt betrayed by someone's dishonesty. What was the hardest part of the betrayal?
2. Share a time when you were impressed with someone's integrity.

Reflecting on the Message Together

1. Why does Jesus do away with oath-making?
2. Is there a difference between an oath and a promise? Should we be promise-makers but not oath-makers? Why or why not? Try to explain your answer in light of biblical teaching.
3. Read James 3:1-12. What do you think is the hardest part of letting your “yes” be “yes” and “no”, “no”?
4. There are three levels of speech: Level 1 - Command/ Request, Level 2 - Description, Level 3 - Persuasion. Why do you think it is good advice to avoid Level 3 language when we pray? When is it appropriate to persuade? What is the difference between persuasion and manipulation?
5. When was a time you kept your word even when it hurt? What do you think is your biggest challenge to have more integrity between what you say and what you do?
6. Do you tend to find it easier to speak the truth or speak with love? Why is it important that we hold together truth and love in our speaking?
7. How did God speak to you through this teaching?
8. How can we pray for one another?