

# FAITH WORDS TALK SERIES

## Truth

*God said that light should shine out of the darkness. He is the same one who shone in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ.*

*2 Corinthians 4:6 (CEB)*

Truth within is exclusively yours and mine. What is dark and mysterious in nature will lead to truth when we investigate the unknown, the darkness. Only then can we gain knowledge about what we cannot see. Taking the plunge into unknown precepts and knowledge gained from unreliable sources seems useless, but the journey can lead to discovery of new ideas and uncover our own spiritual truth. When that truth enters our being, we become “the light of the knowledge of God’s glory in the face of Jesus Christ.”

Rediscovering ideas that are most dear to our hearts generally lead us to the truths in our faith. It is worthwhile to research and consider words and actions that guide us to truth. In my mind *compassion, gentleness, big-heartedness, and trustworthiness* are worthy of study. These four words are written from sensations in my heart, but now is the time to add your own words about what truth leading to faith looks like to you. Write them. Ponder them. Internalize them. Grow into them and become like the “glory in the face of Jesus Christ.”

Facing the truth that each day there are opportunities to speak and act with integrity brightens lives and attitudes. By expressing who you are, what you believe, and what you stand for, mystically illuminates the light of your truth and people see it. Faith and truth come from choosing to hear words from others while respecting and honoring their truths. Sadness tugs my heart strings when I hear close acquaintances criticize and downplay the potential of individuals, cultures, races, countries and political beliefs which fail to match their perceived truths. While expressing individuality is every persons right, it doesn’t preclude the common need to listen to others with respect and honor.

Whenever life seems dark, turning on lights of truth opens the door to escape from misunderstanding, and more importantly, move toward sympathetic opinions of differences. This truth instills a powerful radiance that cannot be resisted. Take a moment to visualize yourself immersed in a divine glow. Become more relaxed. Let go. Trust the inner illumination as it guides you to the answers. Have courage to be who you are and willingly accept others as they are. Know that every individual heart and mind holds the power to honor truths from others. AMEN??

Peace Always

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