



LESSON 3: WHAT A TOXIC RELATIONSHIP IS NOT



**CHRISTIANS WILL
BE LABELED TOXIC**



JOHN 15:18–25

18 “IF THE WORLD HATES YOU, YOU KNOW THAT IT HATED ME BEFORE IT HATED YOU.

19 IF YOU WERE OF THE WORLD, THE WORLD WOULD LOVE ITS OWN. YET BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT OF THE WORLD, BUT I CHOSE YOU OUT OF THE WORLD, THEREFORE THE WORLD HATES YOU.

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20 REMEMBER THE WORD THAT I SAID TO YOU, ‘A SERVANT IS NOT GREATER THAN HIS MASTER.’ IF THEY PERSECUTED ME, THEY WILL ALSO PERSECUTE YOU. IF THEY KEPT MY WORD, THEY WILL KEEP YOURS ALSO.

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21 BUT ALL THESE THINGS THEY WILL DO TO YOU FOR MY NAME’S SAKE, BECAUSE THEY DO NOT KNOW HIM WHO SENT ME.

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22 IF I HAD NOT COME AND SPOKEN TO THEM, THEY WOULD HAVE NO SIN, BUT NOW THEY HAVE NO EXCUSE FOR THEIR SIN.

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23 HE WHO HATES ME HATES MY FATHER ALSO.

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24 IF I HAD NOT DONE AMONG THEM THE WORKS WHICH NO ONE ELSE DID, THEY WOULD HAVE NO SIN; BUT NOW THEY HAVE SEEN AND ALSO HATED BOTH ME AND MY FATHER.

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25 BUT THIS HAPPENED THAT THE WORD MIGHT BE FULFILLED WHICH IS WRITTEN IN THEIR LAW, ‘THEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE.’



THE OFFENSIVE JESUS





MATTHEW 10:34

**DO NOT SUPPOSE THAT I
HAVE COME TO BRING
PEACE TO THE EARTH. I
DID NOT COME TO BRING
PEACE, BUT A SWORD.**

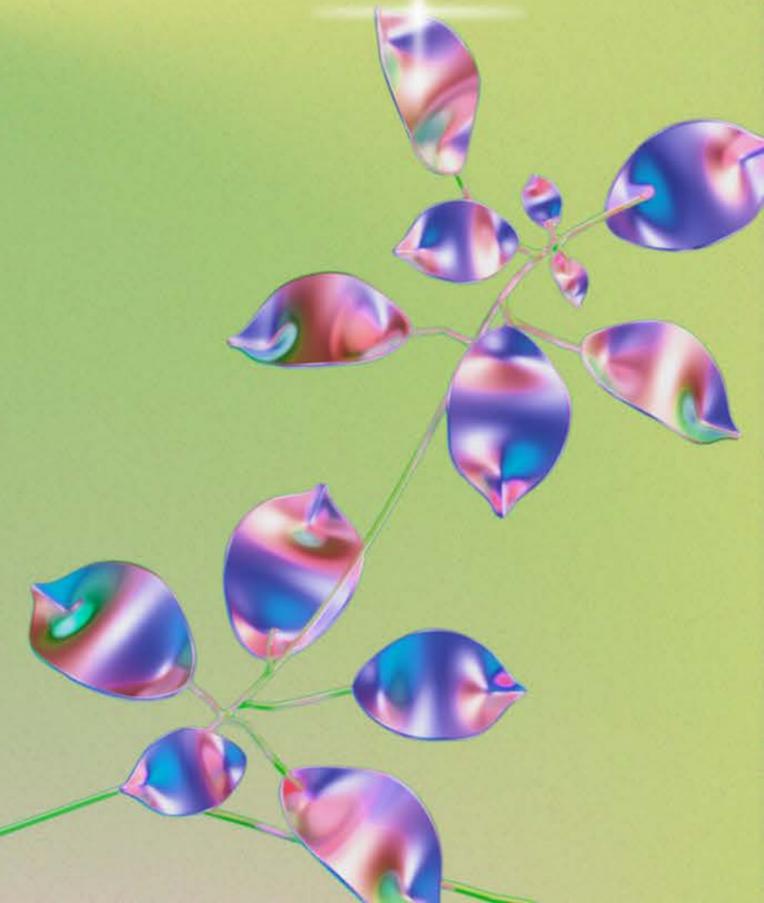


MATTHEW 13:57

**AND THEY TOOK OFFENSE
AT HIM. BUT JESUS SAID
TO THEM, "A PROPHET IS
NOT WITHOUT HONOR
EXCEPT IN HIS OWN TOWN
AND IN HIS OWN HOME.**

✦ JOHN 8:40

**BUT NOW YOU SEEK
TO KILL ME, A MAN
WHO HAS TOLD YOU
THE TRUTH THAT I
HEARD FROM GOD.**



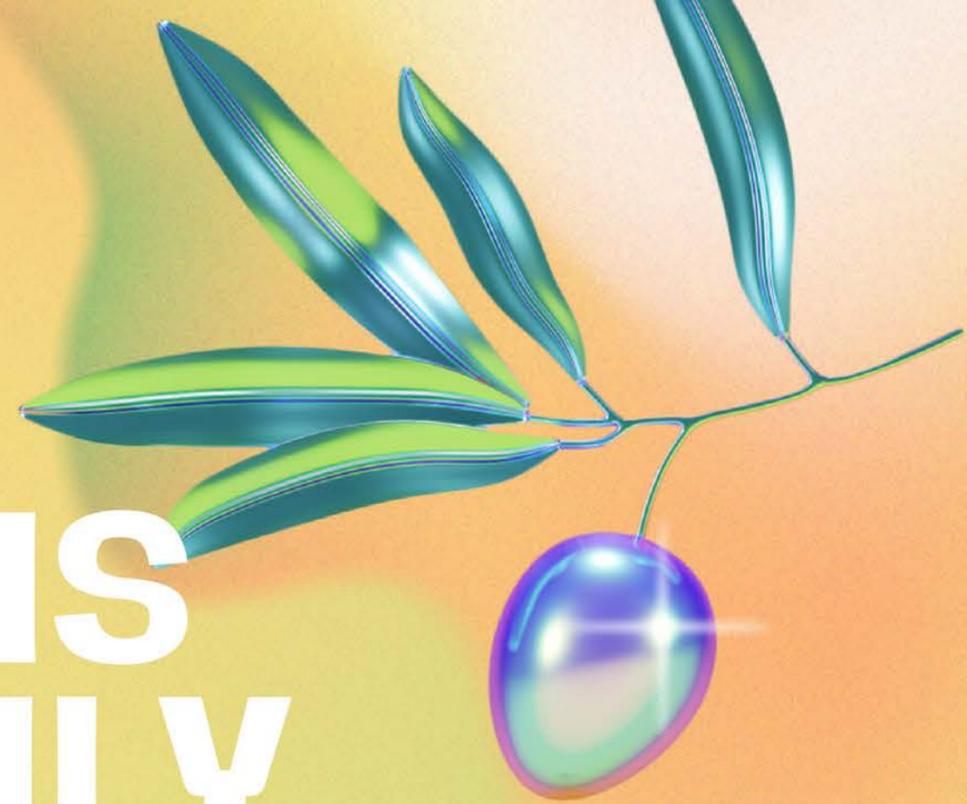
JOHN 11:53

**SO FROM THAT
DAY ON THEY
PLOTTED TO
TAKE HIS LIFE.**

**CHRISTIANS
MUST BE
WILLING TO BE
“HATED
WITHOUT A
CAUSE”**



**PERSECUTION IS
NOT NECESSARILY
A SIGN THAT WE
ARE FOLLOWING
CHRIST!**





**GOD'S
STANDARDS ARE
IN OPPOSITION
TO THE WORLD'S
STANDARDS.**



II TIMOTHY 3:12

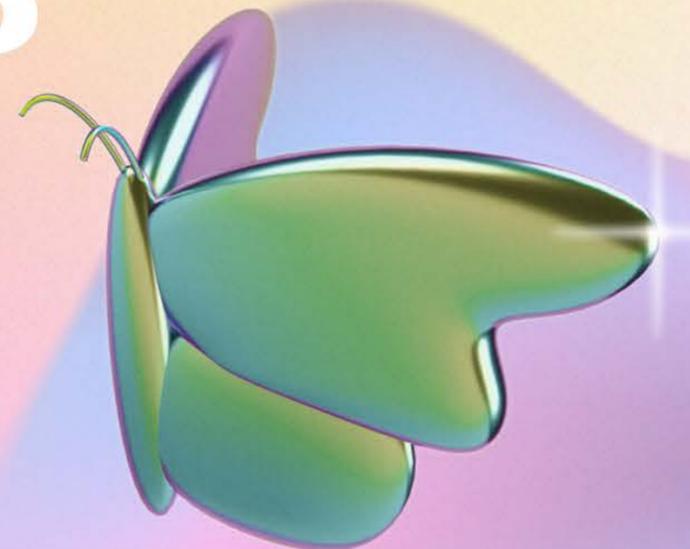
**ALL WHO
DESIRE TO LIVE
GODLY IN
CHRIST JESUS
WILL SUFFER
PERSECUTION.**

**THREE TRAITS
COMMONLY
LABELED AS
TOXIC BUT ARE
NOT TOXIC
ACCORDING TO
SCRIPTURE:**



PROVERBS 17:10

**A REBUKE GOES
DEEPER INTO A MAN OF
UNDERSTANDING THAN
A HUNDRED BLOWS
INTO A FOOL.**





ECCLESIASTES 7:5

**IT IS BETTER FOR A
MAN TO HEAR THE
REBUKE OF THE
WISE THAN TO HEAR
THE SONG OF FOOLS.**

**SPEAKING THE
TRUTH IN LOVE**



**SPEAKING GOD'S TRUTH FROM
A BIBLICALLY COMMITTED LIFE
TO A PERSON WHO NEEDS
CORRECTION. IT IS DONE IN
LOVE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ONE
WHO NEEDS SOME
ADJUSTMENT TO THEIR
ATTITUDES OR THEIR ACTIONS.**



**WHY MUST WE
SPEAK THE
TRUTH IN
LOVE?**

**MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, IF ONE
OF YOU SHOULD WANDER FROM
THE TRUTH AND SOMEONE SHOULD
BRING THAT PERSON BACK,
REMEMBER THIS: WHOEVER TURNS
A SINNER FROM THE ERROR OF
THEIR WAY WILL SAVE THEM FROM
DEATH AND COVER OVER A
MULTITUDE OF SINS.**



**THREE
REASONS WHY
WE DON'T
SPEAK THE
TRUTH IN LOVE?**





+ 1. FEAR OF MAN

2. FEAR OF REJECTION

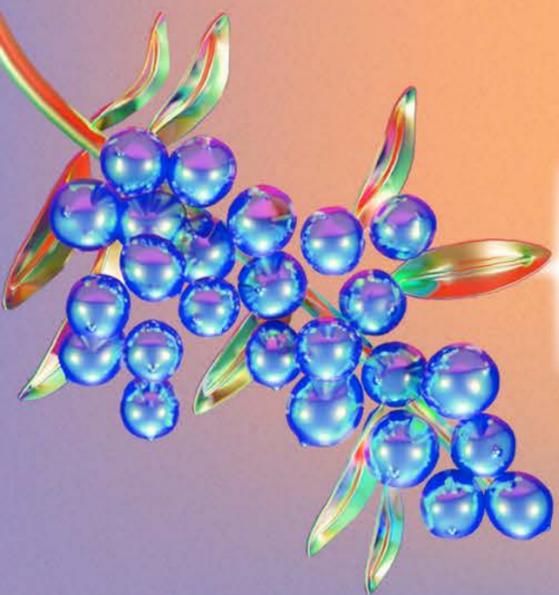
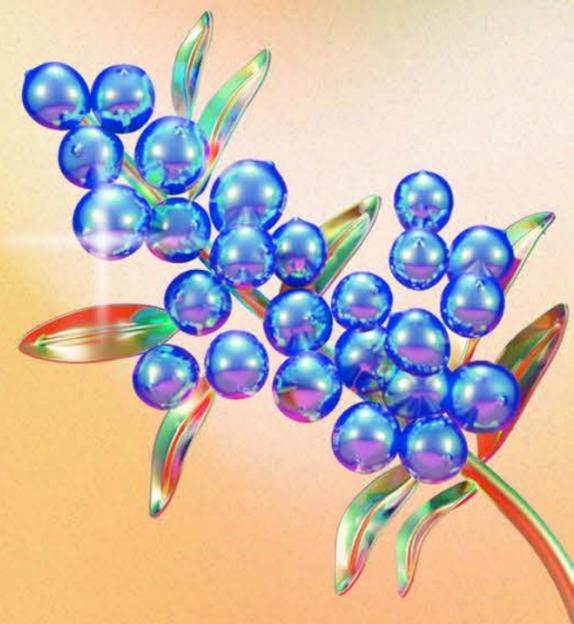


**3. WE FEAR NOT
KNOWING WHAT TO SAY**

**WE MUST SPEAK
THE TRUTH IN
LOVE:**



1. In our hearts



2. IN OUR HOMES



3. IN OUR CHURCH



4. IN OUR HOSTILE WORLD



PROVERBS 8:7



**FOR MY MOUTH
WILL SPEAK
TRUTH;
WICKEDNESS IS
AN ABOMINATION
TO MY LIPS.**



**GOD'S
WISDOM
GUIDES
US**

✦ **“YOUR LIFE DOES
NOT GET BETTER
BY CHANCE; IT
GETS BETTER BY
CHANGE.”**



BIBLE STUDY FOLLOW UP CHAT QUESTIONS!

1. WHAT WAS YOUR GREATEST TAKEAWAY FROM TODAY'S LESSON?
2. WHY ARE SOME GENUINE CHRISTIANS CONSIDERED TOXIC?
3. WHY WAS JESUS LABELED "OFFENSIVE" DURING HIS MINISTRY?
4. PERSECUTION IS NOT NECESSARILY A SIGN THAT WE ARE FOLLOWING CHRIST! AGREE OR DISAGREE?
5. GOD'S STANDARDS ARE IN OPPOSITION TO THE WORLD'S STANDARDS. HOW SO?
6. NAME THE THREE TRAITS COMMONLY LABELED AS TOXIC BUT ARE NOT TOXIC ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE.
7. WHAT IS "SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE"?
8. WHY AND WHERE SHOULD WE SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE?