

LIFE IN THE WORD SERIES:

THE BALANCE OF GRACE AND TRUTH

John 1:14, And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

**“It is far better to know God’s Truth than to be ignorant
of it.”**



Scripture Lesson:

John 8:31-36

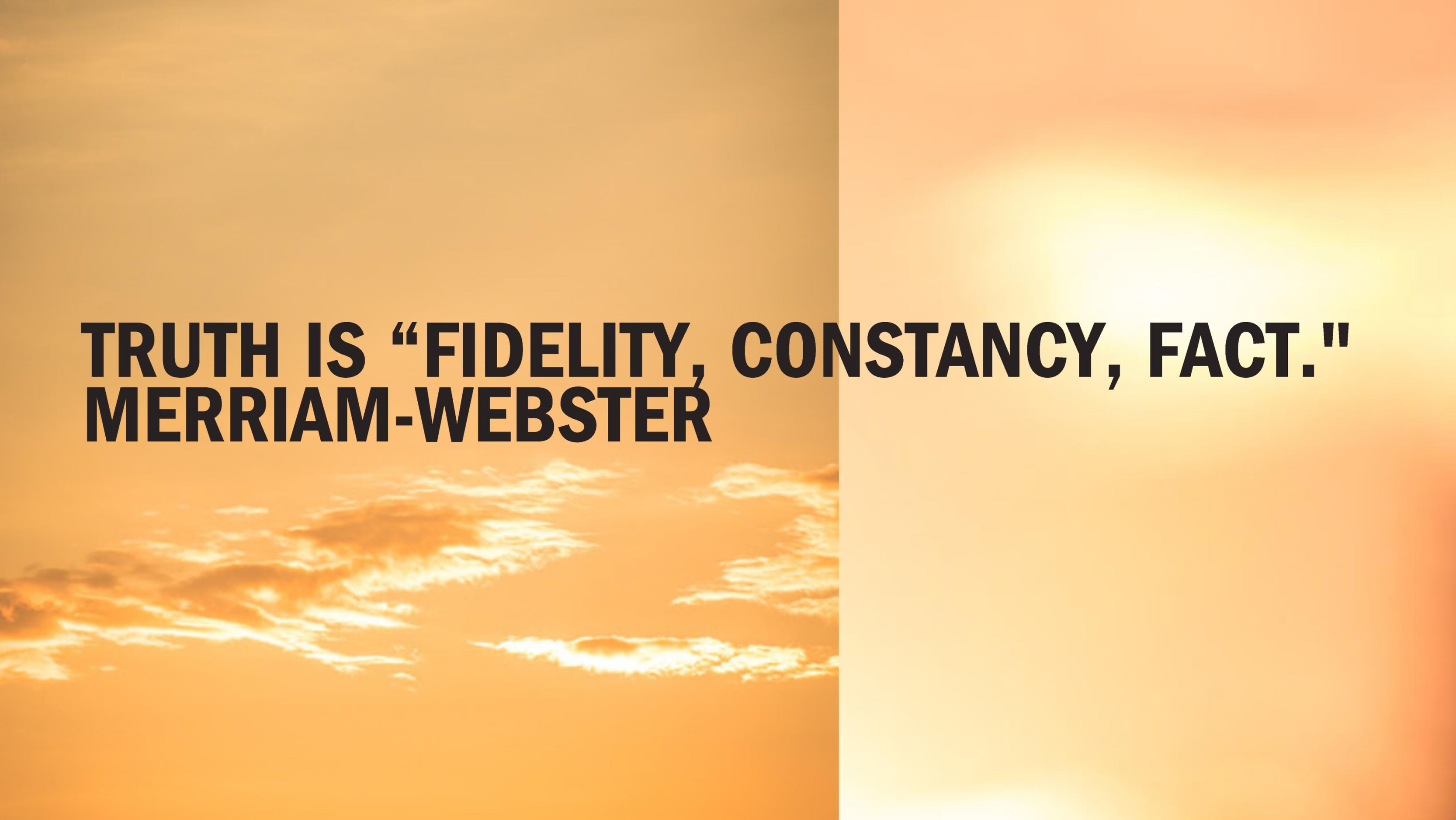


John 8:31-36, Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. “They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, ‘You will be made free’?” Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. Therefore, if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

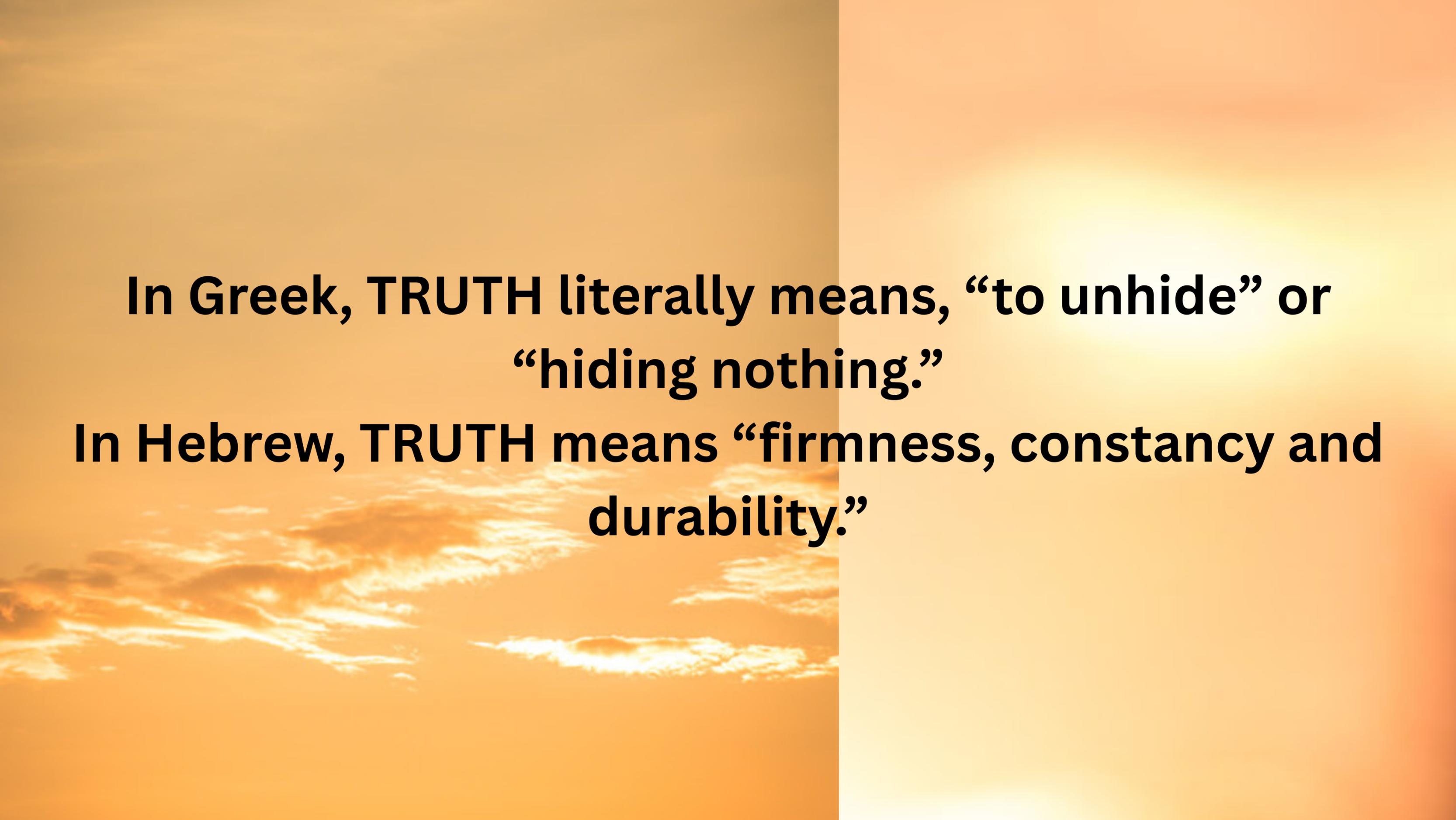


Lesson Six:

What is TRUTH?

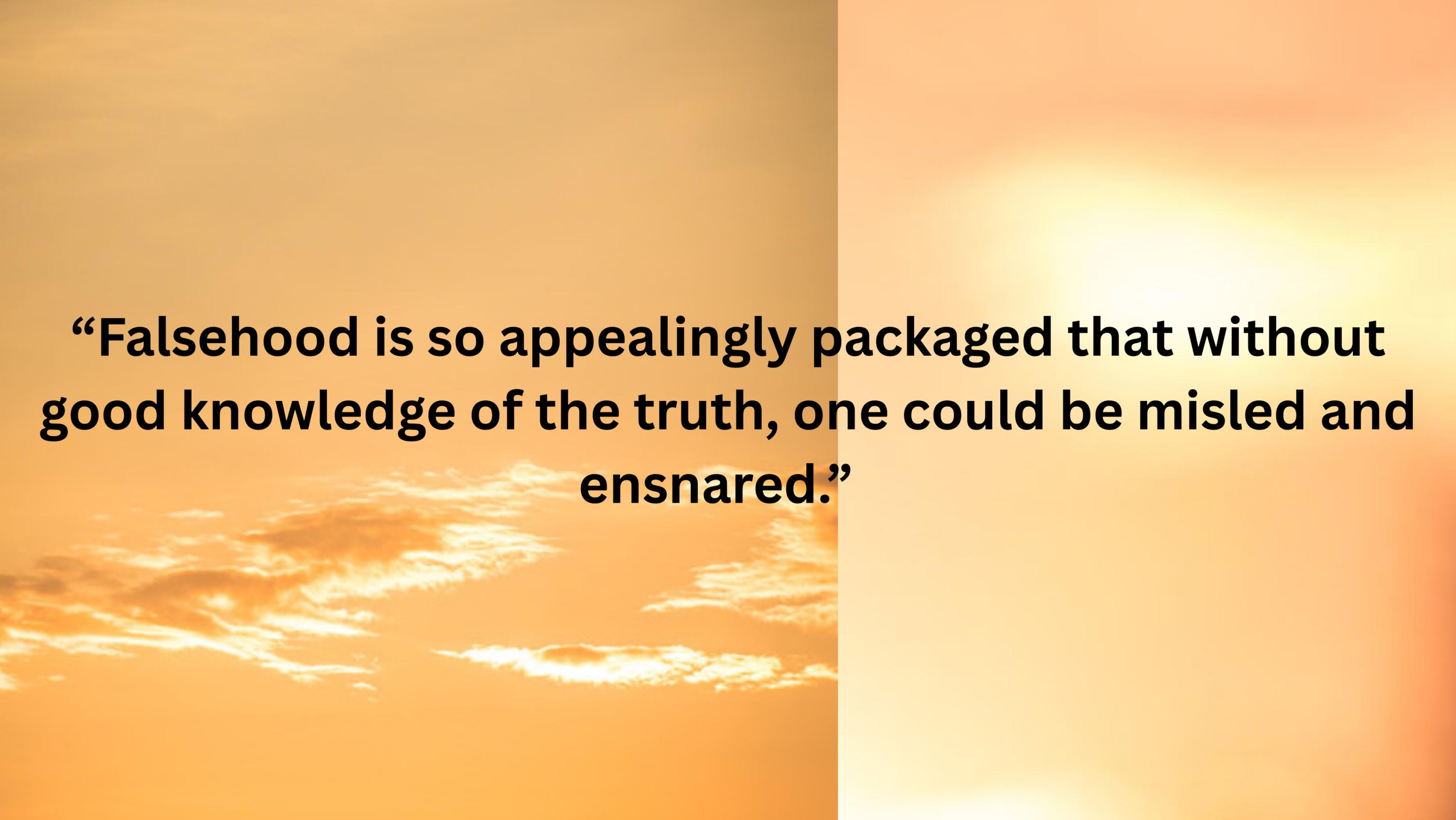


**TRUTH IS "FIDELITY, CONSTANCY, FACT."
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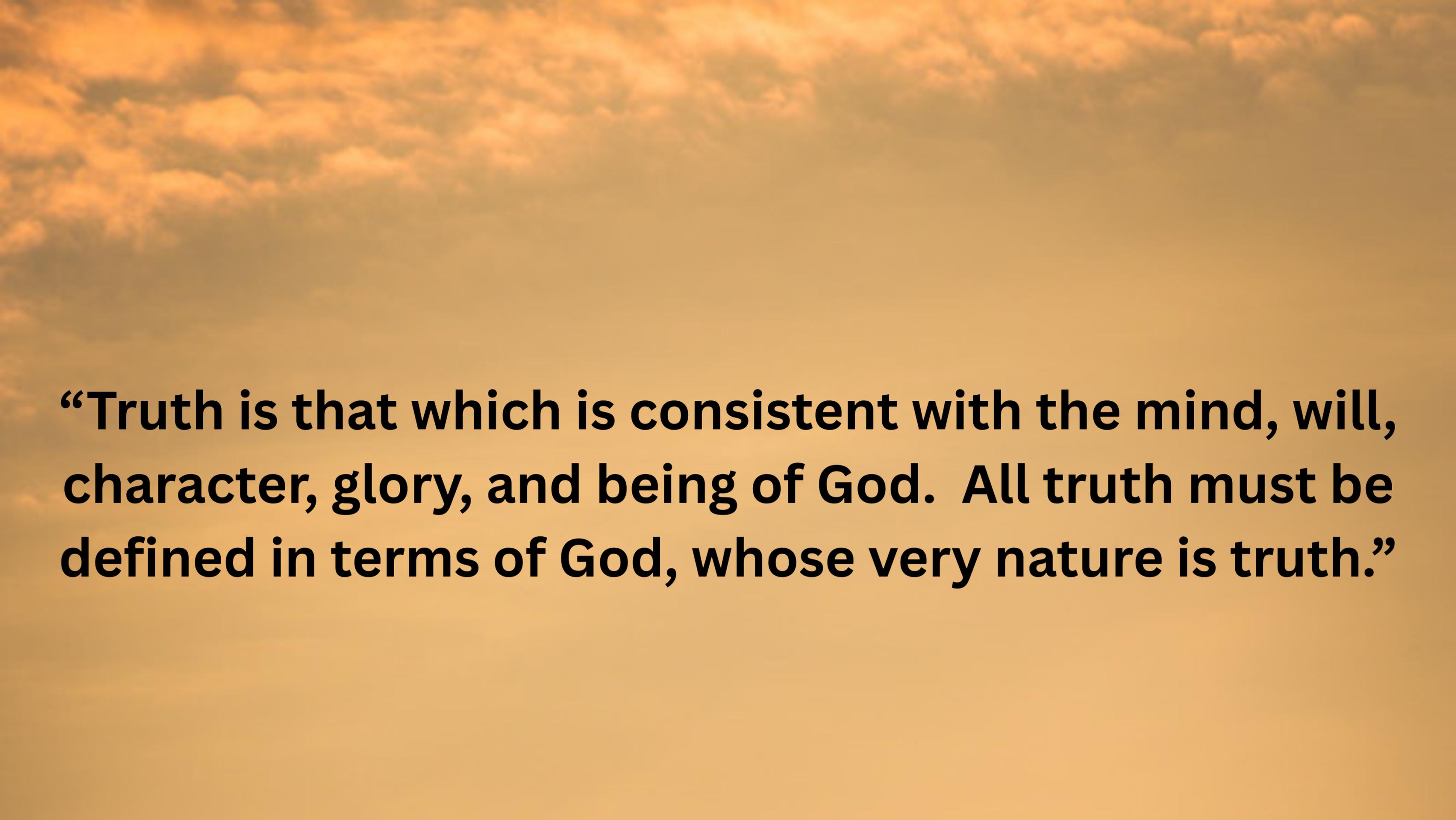


**In Greek, TRUTH literally means, “to unhide” or
“hiding nothing.”**

**In Hebrew, TRUTH means “firmness, constancy and
durability.”**



“Falsehood is so appealingly packaged that without good knowledge of the truth, one could be misled and ensnared.”



“Truth is that which is consistent with the mind, will, character, glory, and being of God. All truth must be defined in terms of God, whose very nature is truth.”

God the Father is “the God of truth” (Isaiah 65:16)
Jesus Christ is “full of grace and truth” (John 1:14)
The Holy Spirit is “the Spirit of truth” (John 14:17)
The Bible is “the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15)

Six Distinguishing Properties of Truth:

- 1. Truth is Divine (Romans 3:4)**
- 2. Truth is Eternal (Psalm 119:160)**
- 3. Truth is Absolute (Proverbs 30:5)**
- 4. Truth is Objective (Romans 1:18)**
- 5. Truth is Immutable (Psalm 119:89)**
- 6. Truth is Authoritative (John 12:48)**

“Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing happened. The truth is indisputable. Malice may attack it, ignorance may deride it, but in the end, there it is.”

Winston Churchill



**John 14:6, Jesus is “the way, THE TRUTH, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through
Him.” Winston Churchill**



**Three Truths about TRUTH:
John 8:31-36**



**1. ABIDE in the TRUTH.
John 8:31**

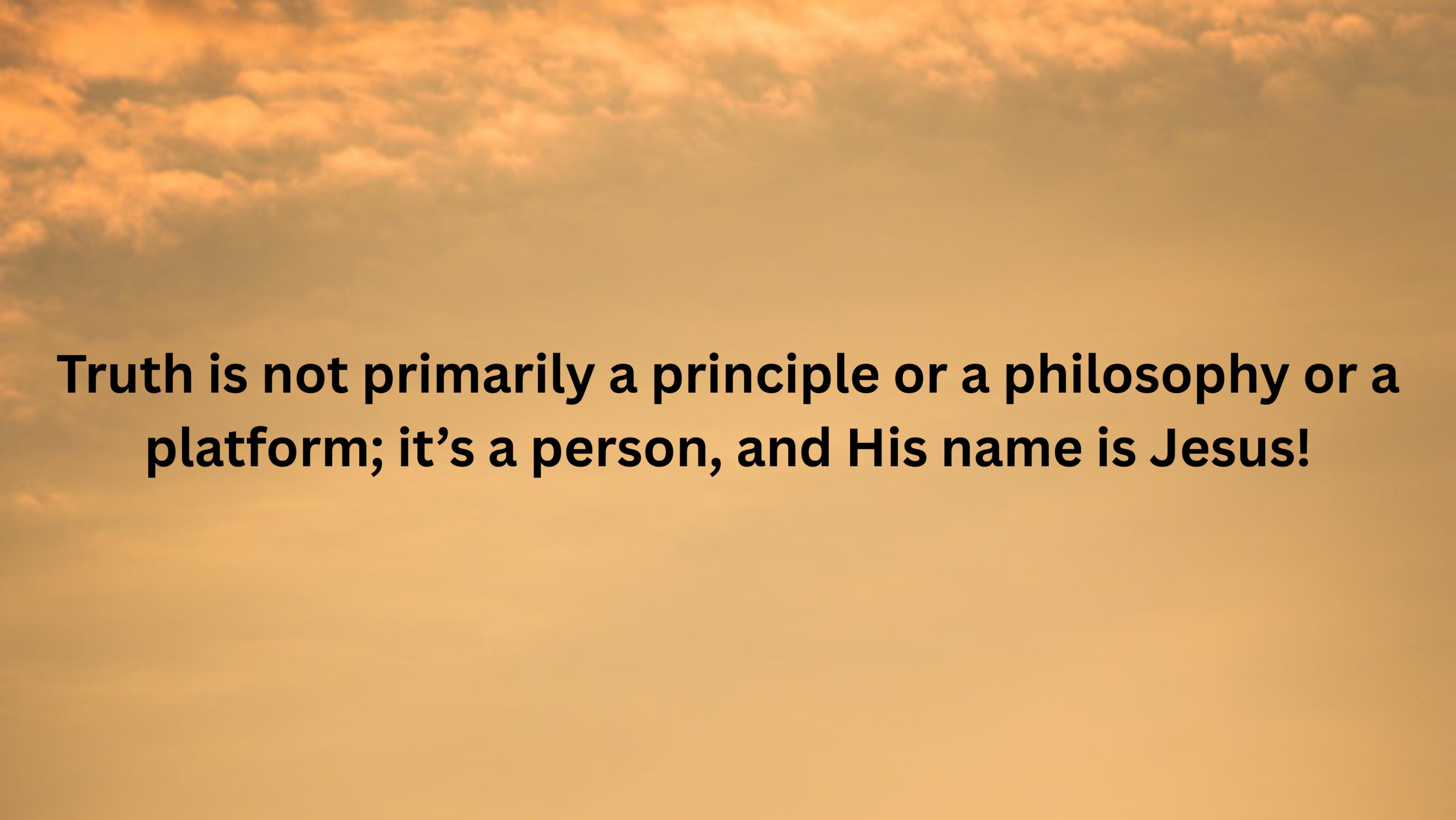


Psalm 1:1-2, Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night.

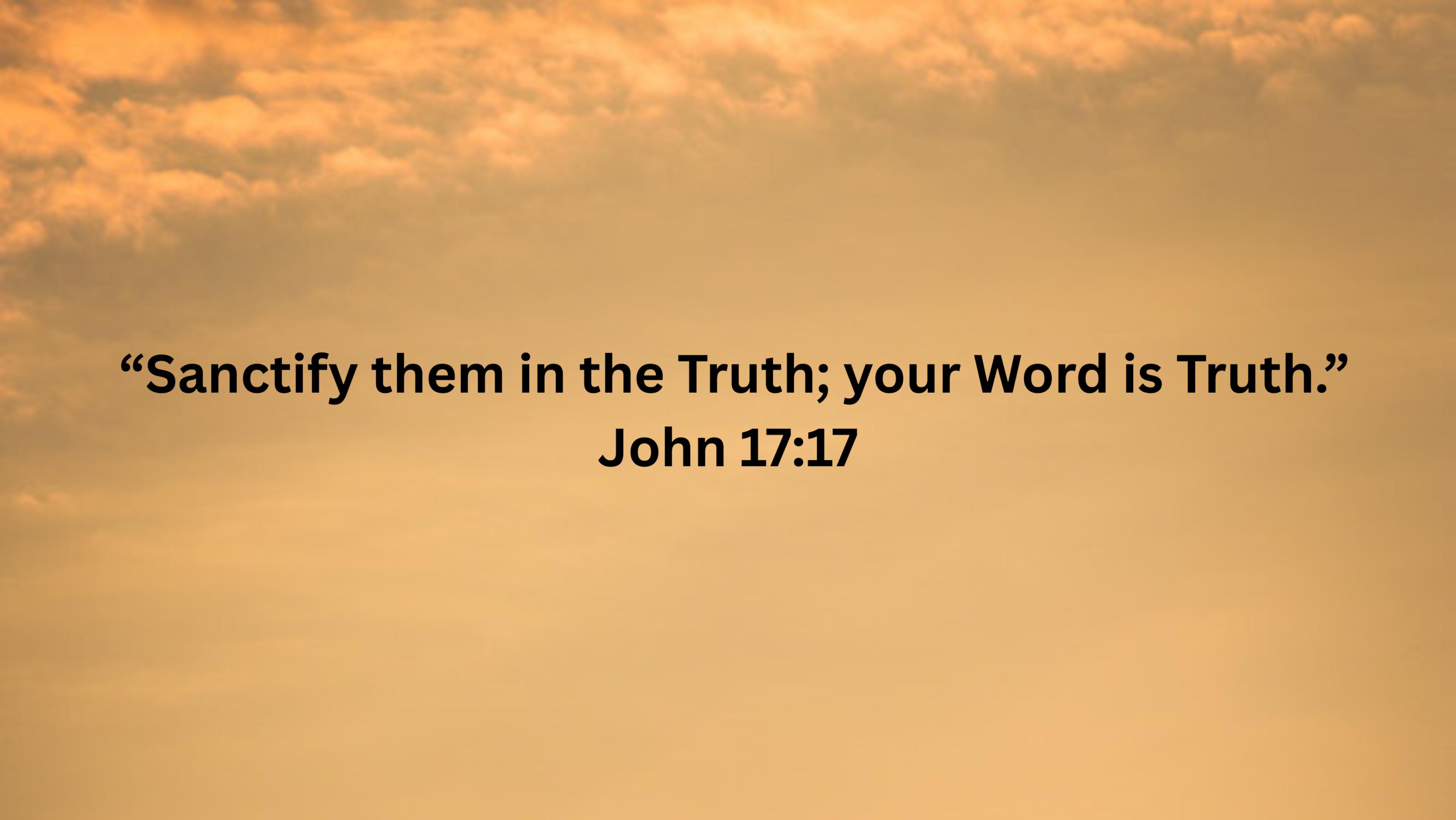
John 14:23, Jesus said, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.”

2. ACQUAINT Yourself with the TRUTH.

John 8:32



Truth is not primarily a principle or a philosophy or a platform; it's a person, and His name is Jesus!



“Sanctify them in the Truth; your Word is Truth.”
John 17:17

**3. ACCESS the Freedom TRUTH Brings.
John 8:32**

2 Corinthians 3:17, Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.



**“The truth will set you free. But not until it is finished
with you.”**



WARNING: Sin Leads to Bondage.

John 8:34, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.”

WELCOME: The Son is the Bondage-Breaker.

John 8:36, “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

Galatians 5:1, Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

“The Bible’s Truth does not depend in any way on whether or not a person believes the truth.”

Follow-Up Chat Questions:

- 1. What is your definition of the Truth?**
- 2. Why is “your truth” irrelevant to the Truth?**
- 3. How would you explain what Truth is not?**
- 4. Give a Scriptural reference regarding the Truth.**
- 5. List the six properties of Truth mentioned in the lesson.**
- 6. Name the three truths about Truth. Explain.**
- 7. What resonated most about today’s lesson?**