

# Telling the Truth

## 1. **Our world needs the truth.**

*Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.* Ephesians 4:14-15 NLT

## 2. **Jesus is the truth.**

*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."* John 14:6-7 NIV

## 3. **You are God's witness to the truth.**

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.* Acts 1:8 NLT

*We are telling you what we have seen and heard, so you may share in this life with us. And we share in it with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.* 1 John 1:3 CEV

## 4. **Speak with the character of truth, which is love.**

*But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.*

1 Peter 3:15 NIV

## **5. You may experience opposition.**

*Keep your conscience clear, so that when you are insulted, those who speak evil of your good conduct as followers of Christ will become ashamed of what they say. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if this should be God's will, than for doing evil.*

1 Peter 3:16-17 GNT

## **6. Never forget: God is with you.**

*I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age.*

Matthew 28:20 MSG