7-27-25 **LIVING COUNTER-CULTURAL**

**Truth OVER Trends**

**Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. Rom 12:2 (NLT)**

**GOD’S WORD IS OUR COMPASS**

**TRUTH IS: *\_\_\_\_\_***

**You have known the sacred writings (Hebrew Scriptures) which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus [surrendering your entire self to Him and having absolute confidence in His wisdom, power and goodness].**

 **2 Tim 3:15 (AMP)**

**I’m not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. 16They do not belong to this world any more than I do. 17Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. 18Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world.**

 **John 17:15-18 (NLT)**

**He is a shield to all who come to him for protection.
6Do not add to his words, or he may rebuke you and expose you as a liar. Prov 30:5-6 (NLT)**

**STANDING FOR TRUTH BRINGS:**

 **& REQUIRES**

**Now when Daniel learned that the document was signed, he entered his house and he had windows open toward Jerusalem; and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and offering praise before his God, just as he had been doing previously. Dan 6:10 (NASB)**

**Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. 19But Peter and John replied, “Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”**

**Acts 4:18-20 (NIV)**

**But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don’t worry or be afraid of their threats. 1 Peter 3:14 (NLT)**

**TRUTH SETS US FREE: EVEN WHEN**

**If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. John 8:31-32 (NIV)**

**For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.**

**Gal 5:1 (ESV)**

**But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do. James 1:25 (NIV)**

**SPEAK TRUTH IN LOVE: NOT IN**

**We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. 15Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ. Eph 4:14-15 (NLT)**

**Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.**

**Col 4:6 (NIV)**

**A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people. 25 Gently instruct those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people’s hearts, and they will learn the truth. 2 Tim 2:24-25 (NLT)**

**A soft and gentle and thoughtful answer turns away wrath, But harsh and painful and careless words stir up anger. Prov 15:1 (AMP)**