

CENTERED ON TRUST

Braid of Truth #1

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“What is truth?” (Pontius Pilate to Jesus, John 18:38, NLT)

“I am the way, the truth, and the life.” (John 14:6)

“I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true.” (John 18:37, NLT)

Jesus is the truth.

Do you love Jesus? Then you love truth.

“Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith,” (Hebrews 12:1-2, NASB)

Jesus must be the Center of our life.

“Sirs, what do I have to do to be saved, to really live?” They said, *“Put your entire trust in the Master Jesus. Then you’ll live as you were meant to live—and everyone in your house included!”* (Acts 16:30-31, The Message)

1. When I trust someone, I am safe with them.

“I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.” (John 10:28-30, NLT)

2. When I trust someone, I trust their word.

Jesus is the Word.

“In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.” (John 1:1, NLT)

Jesus shouted to the crowds, “If you trust me, you are trusting not only me, but also God who sent me. For when you see me, you are seeing the one who sent me. I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark.” (John 12:44-46, NLT)

Jesus is God.

Truth is centered in trust.

Trust must be centered in love.

Our trust in God is without expectations.

Our love for God is without conditions.

God loves us unconditionally.

“But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.” (Romans 5:8, NLT)

“God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.” (1 John 4:9-10, NLT).

“We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.” (1 John 4:16, NLT).

God is love.

Love always trusts.

“[Love] always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.” (1 Corinthians 13:7, NIV)

How do we trust God?

We trust in His love.

How do we love God?

We love one another.

“Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.” (1 John 4:7-8, NLT).

How do we know God?

We spend time with His word.

The more you spend time in God’s word, the more you know Him...

The more you know God, the more you love Him...

The more love God, the more you trust Him...

The more you trust God, the more you know the truth of God...

The more you know the truth of God, the more you want to share that truth!