

Space for God Loving the Truth

PREPARATION

Put me on trial, Lord, and cross-examine me.
Test my motives and my heart.
**For I am always aware of your unfailing love,
and I have lived according to your truth.**

Psalm 26:2-3

CONFESSION

Then Joshua said to Achan, “My son, give glory to the Lord, the God of Israel, by telling the truth. Make your confession and tell me what you have done. Don’t hide it from me.” *Joshua 7:19*

But I confess my sins; I am deeply sorry for what I have done.
Psalm 38:18

WORSHIP

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
so our land will be filled with his glory.
**Unfailing love and truth have met together.
Righteousness and peace have kissed!
Truth springs up from the earth,
and righteousness smiles down from heaven.**
Psalm 85:9-11

MEDITATION & CONTEMPLATION—John 18:33-37*

Then Pilate went back into his headquarters and called for Jesus to be brought to him. “Are you the king of the Jews?” he asked him.

Jesus replied, “Is this your own question, or did others tell you about me?”

“Am I a Jew?” Pilate retorted. “Your own people and their leading priests brought you to me for trial. Why? What have you done?”

Jesus answered, “My Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. If it were, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of this world.”

Pilate said, “So you are a king?”

IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY

Read	Slowly, several times.
Reflect	What does the text say?
Respond	How does it relate to my life?
Rest	I welcome God’s healing and renewal.

Jesus responded, “You say I am a king. Actually, 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.”

ANCHORING PRAYER

“Lord, I desire Your Truth.”

REVIEW OF THE HEART (previous 24 hours)

In what practical way do I “love” truth?

In what way do I most often fail to see the truth?

WISDOM

Psalm 52:2-4 All day long you plot destruction. Your tongue cuts like a sharp razor; you’re an expert at telling lies. You love evil more than good and lies more than truth. You love to destroy others with your words you liar

Ephesians 4:14-15 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.

TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me?*

INTERCESSION *Prayers for the Church, for others, and for me.*

BENEDICTION

**Psalm 86:11 Teach me your ways, O Lord,
that I may live according to your truth!
Grant me purity of heart,
so that I may honor you. [Amen]**

Psalm 86:11

SPACE FOR GOD DAILY

Be still and quiet before God.

Seek the Holy Spirit’s filling and

Speak and act from a listening heart.

Actively serve in community with others.