

Sermon Notes
Fact Vs. Truth by Pr. Kayla Stevens
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What do I Mean by Fact Vs. Truth?

- Most often facts and truth are one in the same. However, I want to look at it in a different way today. The Facts are the reality of the situation we are facing. God is not bound to our reality. Gods truth about the situation can overcome the facts of our reality.

Let us look at one of the examples in the Bible:

John 11:1-44

V.1-17 – The Fact of what happening is that Lazarus was sick and soon died. The truth was that he was just sleeping. What Jesus meant by sleeping was that he would soon wake up.

V. 18-37 – We see that Martha Proclaims the faith that she has in her Lord and Jesus once again speaks the truth of what is to come. Mary is having a faith crisis, feeling betrayed by her Lord. Jesus heart breaks for her and her pain.

V. 38-44 – The fact is he has been dead for 4 days and would smell. Truth didn't change, he was just sleeping and now was the time for Jesus to wake him up.

Power in that last verse: The dead man, wrapped in grave cloths, **walked out.**

God's truth about your situation may look very different facts of your reality. It did for me.

- I will share some of the testimony of my husband being healed through my lens. What it was like to walk alongside him during that time.

How do we apply this?

1. Its ok to acknowledge the facts of your situation
2. Seek the truth from God
 - a. Have trusted people pray for you
 - b. Read the word (what does He say?)
 - c. Pray (ask the Holy Spirit)
 - d. Listen (and Believe it!)

Go into Communion: Invite up Prayer Teams

- The cross from the disciples' point of view. The fact was, their savior died. The truth was He was just asleep.
- Communion can be a reminder to us of the power of Jesus truth to overcome the facts.