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“Truth”
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A renegade shares the truth even when the truth is **hard**.

Truth can be considered in one of three ways:

Truth is **philosophical**—“What is truth?”

Truth is **relative**—“This is my truth...”

Truth is **absolute**—“I tell you the truth.”

Jesus **always** shared the absolute truth with people.

Jesus’ conversation with Nicodemus is the prime example of a renegade **truth teller**.

Jesus tells Nicodemus that **entry** into God’s Kingdom requires...

I. A new **birth** in God’s **Spirit**.

John 3:3,5-7

In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.”

Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’”

II. The **acceptance** of God’s **Word**.

John 3:11-12

“I tell you the truth, we speak of what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?”

III. The **belief** in God’s **Son**.

John 3:16-18

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.”

Be a renegade...**live by the truth**.

John 3:21

“But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly what he has done has been done through God.”