



Sukdulang Biyaya!

EXABABALL GRACE

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YOUR TRUTH VS THE TRUTH (BY ZACH BUNYE)

- There are two types of truth:
 1. Objective Truth – Statements that are true regardless of individual beliefs, opinion, or perspective; based on facts and evidence.
 2. Subjective Truth – Subjective truth is based on opinions of an individual. (*Depende sa tao*)
- According to Urban Dictionary “my truth” is a non-negotiable personal opinion. This is a convenient phrase for avoiding arguments because people can contradict your opinion but not your truth.
- This thinking is really dangerous because it suggests that all truth is subjective truth.
- If we don’t know the truth, how can we know what love is? What power is? What freedom is? How can we know anything?
- But this is not new. Even in Jesus’ days, this was already happening – **John 18:35-39**:
 - In this moment, Pilate saw the truth that Jesus is innocent. Jesus is not a rebel or a political rival to the Roman occupation.
 - But the Jews wanted Jesus dead.
 - Because majority decided that Jesus is guilty, then He “became guilty.”
 - We all know the story, Pilate released Barabbas who is not just a robber, he is also a murderer and a rebel against the Roman empire. Barabbas was the person that was an actual threat to the Roman empire, a danger to society *pero siya pa din ang pinili para mabuhay*. This is the problem when we don’t have a foundation of truth – everything is true except the truth. *Lahat ay totoo maliban sa katotohanan.*
 - Majority wins. *Kung ano sabi ng TikTok, Instagram, and Twitter that becomes truth. If everyone says it's true, it must be true! Kahit alam natin na nakakasama sa atin, eh ginagawa ng lahat eh, kaya siguro okay lang.*
- **Proverbs 12:15** – The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.
- The best advice for your life can be found in the Bible.
- Sadly, this generation will choose Barabbas over Jesus. Barabbas represents your truth. Your truth wants to feed your pleasure. Your truth wants to feed your feelings. Your truth wants to feed you what is comfortable to you.
- Your truth allows you to stay the same. But the Truth requires us to change, the Truth requires submission, the truth requires us to repent and turn to God.
- People want to live their own lives, their own truth. It’s a heart problem. People want to be their own God, to determine their own good and bad, making his own choices/decisions. It’s all fun in games until the wages of sin, death, comes knocking at your door.
- **Proverbs 14:12** – There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.
- What is Truth? **John 8:31-32** – This statement is a powerful statement because of the One who said it.
- **John 14:6** – Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
- Jesus is saying He IS the TRUTH.
- So we can reread **John 8:32** as – And you will know me, “Jesus”, and I, “Jesus” will set you free.
- And whom the Son sets free is free indeed!

- Jesus can and He has proven it. He conquered death. He has the power.
- The Truth is powerful because it is True.
- But honestly, there are parts in our lives where we still choose Barabbas instead of Jesus.
- Barabbas – robber (steal), murderer (kill), rebel (destroy).
- **John 10:10** – The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
- We have a choice here. Is it the thief or Jesus?
- We usually pick what is more comfortable to us. Choosing Jesus is going to be uncomfortable. It's not always an easy ride because our flesh is weak. We always resist change because we like how we live our lives.
- But when you choose Jesus, something will change inside you – God will give you a new heart, a pure heart. Once you receive Jesus and your new heart, everything changes. Your flesh will resist, but your heart with the leading of the Holy Spirit will start thinking *kung tama ba 'to?*
- Choosing Jesus is not comfortable but at the same time, the Bible tells us the He has a hope and a future for us. At the same time, He loves us so much that even though we choose Barabbas in certain aspects of our lives, He still loves us so much and is patient with us! He's still standing beside you waiting, He will not force His truth to you.
- It's time to ask ourselves – why are we still choosing our truths? Why aren't we choosing the truth, His plans for us?
- Before anything else, the Bible tells us to seek first the kingdom of God. Set your mind on things above not on things on earth.
- We are to put God's truth as priority before our truth. The truth before your truth.
- If our truth does not align with God's truth or simply the truth, we have to have the humility to say: "Alright, Lord, You are right, and I am wrong. Your ways are higher than mine."
- There is no truth apart from Jesus. Everything else apart from Jesus is opinion or false. Jesus is the truth. Not a truth. He is THE truth.
- **2 Timothy 4:3-4** – Even in churches, people look for those who will affirm their own truth. They make their own subjective truth within the Bible.
- There is a foundational truth that we can stand on – Jesus Christ and His finished work on the cross.

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