

Jesus, bringing
praise, glory and
honour to our Father.

I thank God, that
because of Jesus,
my life has purpose,
I'm valued and loved.
I thank God that he
acted and came in
person so that I can
now be sharing a
personal relationship

of love and affection
with him in Jesus,
through the Spirit.

Otherwise my life
would just be a waste
of time, like a tourist
seeing all the
wonderful sights, only
to forget them. I don't

what my life to be a
wonderful distraction
that counts for
nothing.

In Jesus, I'm not
forgotten, but loved;
in Jesus I count.

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LAY OUT THE TRUTH; PLAIN & SIMPLE

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Paul calls Timothy to
lay out the truth; plain
and simple. Actually I
think we all are called
to lay out the truth;
plain and simple.
That's part of
mission; of sharing
our faith, being able
to lay out the truth;
plain and simple.

I'm sure we all would
have our own style,
and phrase things
differently, but the
truth would still be
there. This week I'd
encourage you to
take some time to
write down in your
own words the truth
of Jesus; plain and
simple.

You never know,
Jesus just might lead
you to someone who
is keen to know, and
give you the privilege
to share his truth with
them. Isn't that the
greatest privilege in
life, to share Jesus
with another person,

and witness the life
giving change he
makes.

I wonder who Jesus
will lead you to this
week that you might
share the truth; plain
and simple with
them, in words they
understand. What a
privilege to share
Jesus with another
person.

Here's my attempt at
sharing the truth;
plain and simple.

First I need help. I'm
not all I want to be.
This world isn't all I
need it to be.
Somethings gone
wrong, and I can't fix
it. There is something
gone wrong, at the
very core of this
world, and we can't
fix it, because if we
could we surely
would have by now.

'Sin' is the name
given to what's gone

wrong. 'Sin' has
destroyed my
relationship with God.
It has left me not
knowing who God is,
let alone; does he
think about me, is he
relevant.

Just this week
someone was
describing how the
people he was talking
with had simply
turned God into
genie. You rub him
the right way and you
get everything you
want. Is that who
God is?

When I look at a
rock, what does that
tell me about God?
Does God shine like
gold; or is he hard
and cold like a rock.
What is God like?

Thank God he hasn't
left it up to me to
determine what he's
like. God has taken
the initiative and
come in person to

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Jesus' disciples multiplying disciples

reveal his true identity. That's Jesus.

Jesus; God before all time, is born in time, born a human being, just like you and me, so we could know him for who he really is.

Isn't that the best way to get to know another person; have them tell you who they are? To spend time with them, listening to them, getting to know them personally.

Jesus must have thought that because that's what he did. He was born, one with us, he spent time talking, sharing, revealing what's on his heart and soul, so we could come to know him personally.

Outside of Jesus, I know I'm just guessing. When I'm listening to Jesus; then he tells me the truth about God, himself; plain and simple.

Jesus tells me of his great passion for humanity. Jesus

hasn't come to make treaties with sin, death and the devil, but totally destroy them, so that ultimately they'll have no influence in my life, or in your life.

Jesus' love for us burns far too strong for him to give up any

Jesus comes and loves us in person.

part of you to lies, deception, and futility.

Jesus comes and loves us in person; living out his personality in everything he does and says. We don't have a mystery, but a person to follow, to get to know. Jesus tears through sin, offering life, love, hope. Jesus comes not to destroy people, but to seek and save the lost, for life lived with his Father in an

intimate relationship of love and affection.

Jesus wins this life by giving his life for us. Jesus' love for us is genuine; he isn't simply using us to get what he doesn't have. Jesus love is genuine; he willingly goes to the cross, taking the worst

humanity has to offer, and in exchange he gives his best, himself.

When Jesus fights to win us, we don't see a

battle field of dead soldiers. That's the way humanity fights; killing each other. No, Jesus, dies that we might live. Jesus freely gives of himself, taking the worst so he has the right to give back the best. Jesus takes the horrors on sin upon himself that we might have the joys of being loved children of the heavenly Father.

On the cross the curse of sin is broken and Jesus ushers in

a new world, where at the heart we have genuine love, for it is the very love of God.

This is not pretend, or empty sentiment, but real, honest, love, for Jesus has literally given himself for us, that we might benefit at his expense.

Now in Jesus we have a new life to live.

Jesus doesn't stay in the grave but has burst forth to new life, inviting us into that new life with him. Sin doesn't have the final word, Jesus does. I don't have to live by the devil's lies, I have the truth of Jesus to live in. Death doesn't shape my future. In Jesus I'm not coming to a dead end; I'm coming into Father's loving embrace.

That's not wishful thinking, for Jesus has given his life for me. Jesus has promised to come for me and raise me to new life. In Jesus, I

am Father's child. In Jesus, I am forgive, I am redeemed, I am loved.

But we don't have to wait for some time in the future to start living this new life; Jesus has sent the Spirit to be with us now. The Spirit; God with us now, that we might walk and talk

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with him through all of life. The Spirit with us now that we might know what is on Jesus heart and mind, now. We're not left with our best guesses and logic, we can ask Jesus through the Spirit, and walk with him through all the ups and downs of life.

The Spirit isn't some super power we use to get what we want; that would be to simply be using God to get what we want. That's not what

Jesus gave his life for. Rather Jesus gave his life that we might know what is on his heart and mind and live in harmony with him.

Jesus said he only does what he sees his Father doing and says what he hears his Father saying. He lives in harmony with his Dad, he didn't use his Dad to get what he wanted.

Now Jesus, through the Spirit, empowers us to live the same way. For the Spirit enables us to do what we see Jesus doing, and to say what we hear Jesus saying. We live in harmony with Jesus. And as we do that guess what; we're living in harmony with his Dad as well. Who, in Jesus, just happens to be our Dad.

I thank God that my life now revolves around his, and by the Spirit I have the hope of growing to be more and more like