

# Facing Our Future

***"A Place of Grace and Truth"***

***Ephesians 4:15***



## **INTRO:**

### **OUR VISION: HOW TO BE AN ISLAND OF SANITY?**

**1. Facing Reality As It Is**

**2. Devoting Ourselves to GRACE**

**3. Devoting Ourselves to TRUTH--** *We reject the idea that to demonstrate love and grace to someone means that we dispense with our commitment to moral standards, and approve of any- and every- thing. We also reject the idea that a commitment to moral stances means that we must then condemn or dissociate with those who disagree with us, or embody the immoral behavior we stand against. Since Jesus was known — and criticized for — fellowshiping with the “tax collectors and sinners” of his day, it would be un-Christlike for us to do anything less. We are committed to speaking truth in a world where truth is in short supply. Our truth is anchored in the revelation of God in His Word, through Christ, and the created world.*

## **PRINCIPLES FOR SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE:**

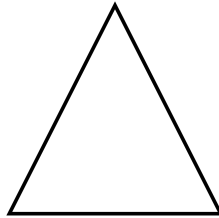
**1. Today's world tries to force us into A FALSE CHOICE (Ephesians 4:15)**

**2. "Speaking the truth in love" doesn't mean TELLING EVERYBODY EVERYTHING ALL THE TIME (Ephesians 4:29-32, James 1:19)**

**3. Our goal should be to have FEWER OPINIONS, not MORE (Matthew 7:1-5, Proverbs 19:2, Proverbs 18:17)**

**4. We can have conviction about "the truth" yet \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 3:7, Proverbs 26:12, 1 Corinthians 13:8-12)**

**5. "The Truth" has Three Sides:**



**6. We have \_\_\_\_\_ how to do  
this** *(Luke 19:1-10, 5:27-31)*

**7. If we apply this verse, we will \_\_\_\_\_**  
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