

## The Moment of Truth

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Welcome to the finale of our message series on **The Gospel Truth**. Today's message is entitled **The Moment of Truth**.

Because after everything we've heard, everything we've learned, and everything God has revealed, the real question is no longer *how much truth do you know?*

The real question is this:

**What will you do when God speaks His truth to you—right in the middle of your life?**

Not just in church.

Not just on Sunday.

But in all matters of your life.

### **Everyday Moments of Truth**

We face moments of truth every single day.

Someone cuts you off while driving—what you goin do?

Someone at school, at work, or even in your own family says something offensive—

You goin get offended and snap back?

You goin get angry and cut them off?

Or you goin choose not to take it personal?

You see someone in need—

You goin help, or you goin do nothing?

Those are everyday moments of truth.

And in those moments, God gives you the **choice and the power** to think, respond, and act differently.

### **Crossroads Moments**

But there are also bigger moments.  
Crossroads moments.

Times when God speaks clearly—  
Through His Word.  
Through the prompting of the Holy Spirit.  
Through a trusted friend.  
Through a loving leader.

And in that moment of truth, when God speaks about *how you're living*—  
Will you trust Him and follow through?  
Will you delay?  
Or will you turn away and make deaf ear?

### **From Knowing Truth to Living Truth**

Last week, we were challenged to **place our trust in truth**.  
Today, as we conclude this series, we're focusing on **living out the truth**.

You can be shown the truth.  
You can see it lived out in others.  
You can even learn more truth.

But unless you believe that truth is not just good for others—but good for **you**—you'll stay a bystander.

The power is in the **follow-through**.  
That's YOUR Moment of Truth.

### **A Personal Moment of Truth**

You know I like kayak fishing.  
And I made a promise to God and to Gayle that I'm not going alone anymore—even if the conditions are good.

A couple weeks ago, I wanted to go.  
I asked my kayak fishing hui—nobody could make it.

And I heard this voice:

“Just go. Make a friend at the launch. It’s going be nice. You can bless people with fish.” Nothing goin happen to you!

That was my moment of truth.

What you think I did?

No—I didn’t go.

And I didn’t sulk.

Because in my past, during my diving days, I would nag, push, and go anyway—and regret it later.

I’ve flipped my kayak before—thank God someone was there.

I’ve gotten in trouble diving—thank God I had a partner.

I’ve learned from consequences.

And now I apply wisdom.

The good news God has provided me with several midweek fishers I can ask to go with me when the conditions are good!

### **Jesus on the Moment of Truth**

Jesus talks about this very thing at the end of His longest teaching—Matthew 7.

24 “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. 25 Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock. 26 But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn’t obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. 27 When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.”

Same storm. Same rain. Same wind. What’s difference? It’s in the **foundation**. How’s your foundation? Solid or unstable?

There are two kinds of people: Those who **practice** the truth. And those who only **hear** it.

Your house may not collapse all at once.  
 But cracks start showing.  
 Doors don't close right.  
 Foundation shifts.

Pretty soon, your house looking jalike the Leaning Tower of Pisa. (**Keynote pic**)

- Purpose: Built as the campanile (bell tower) for the Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta in the Square of Miracles.
- The Lean Begins: In 1178, after only three stories were built, the tower began to sink on its south side.
- Lesson and picture: Foundation Matters: It serves as a reminder to ensure the foundation of any project—or life goal—is strong enough to support the weight placed upon it.

In the moment of truth— (**keynote**)

### **1. Choose to live as the wise, not the fool**

There are some wise words from the bible about those people who don't listen well to the truth. Proverbs 1:23 - 33 (**Keynote**)

23 "Come and listen to my counsel. I'll share my heart with you and make you wise.

24 I called you so often, but you wouldn't come. I reached out to you, but you paid no attention.

25 You ignored my advice and rejected the correction I offered.

27 When calamity overtakes you like a storm, when disaster engulfs you like a cyclone, and anguish and distress overwhelm you.

31 Therefore, they must eat the bitter fruit of living their own way, choking on their own schemes.

32 Fools are destroyed by their own complacency.

33 But all who listen to me will live in peace, untroubled by fear of harm."

In the moment of truth— (**Keynote**)

**2. Choose to follow through on what God shows you—don't delay.**

22But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. 23For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. 24You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. 25But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

**The Mirror:** James says God's Word is like a mirror.

You look in the mirror—

Hair looking good.

Makeup on point.

But then— You get maka piapia. buggahs hanging out.

And you walk away like you neva see um. And many notice except you.

That's what happens when God reveals truth and we do nothing.

God speaks truth because He loves us.

He doesn't want us walking around looking all horrors.

His Word teaches, corrects, and trains us so we can live well.

**Why We Resist Truth?** Why do we make deaf ear to the truth in the moment? Don't you agree . . .

The truth hurts at times

Change is hard. And might take time.

Or MAYBE Because we don't trust that it's actually good for us.

That's why we must believe this foundational truth in the Moments of Truth.  
. . . (**keynote**)

**3. Embrace that God is good and has your best in mind**

A good parent doesn't let their kids do whatever they want.  
A good parent tells the truth—even when it's uncomfortable.

God's commands flow from His goodness.  
When we believe that, our follow through becomes a willing response, not a burden.

### **The Coach**

I'm playing softball again. And let's just say—it shows. I not hitting homers no moa, not speedy no moa. And it hurts!

So I asked my F45-trained daughter to coach me to whip me back to playing shape.

She shows me where I'm weak. She gives me a plan. She pushes me.

Workouts hurt. Muscles sore. Plenty excuses to quit.

But I trust the coach. I hope it'll show on the field of play not because I Only wanna show those 20-30 somethings I still can play with the best of them, but I DON'T wanna get a bad injury.

That's the Holy Spirit.

He shows us where we're weak. Gives us a plan. AND Walks with us through it. And warns us, if we don't listen, we'll get hurt!

### **Delayed obedience is delayed blessing.**

### **God's Proven Goodness**

I've missed moments of truth—and I've regretted it.

God prompted me to share Jesus with my grandma who was so open to hearing about my faith in Jesus.

I delayed. She went in for surgery—and died on the table.

But I've also seen God's goodness.

I watched my dad come to faith in his final days.

Then my mom.

Then my brother.

Through pain, God held me.

He has proven Himself to be a good God.

So when He speaks now—I say yes.

Even when I don't fully understand.

I don't know what the future holds and what hard times will come my way, but I know that through it all has held me in his hand, he has proven to be a good good God! So when he speaks truth don't hesitate to say yes, no matter if you don't totally understand.

Moses declares the goodness of God in Number 23:19 (**KEYNOTE**)

God is not a man who lies, or a son of man who changes His mind. Does He speak and not act, or promise and not fulfill?

You can place your trust in the goodness of God. That's his iron clad promise. Now it's the moment of truth for us to face our loving God to respond to his call to trust him with your life and you watch and see, he'll never let you down!

**A Response: Hula** Invite the NHCO Hālau to lead us in hula.

Hula is not just a dance. It's response.

It's the body declaring what the heart believes.

As they dance, don't just watch—

Let this be a moment of truth for you.

Listen. Reflect. Ask God:

*What truth are You asking me to live out right now?*

## **Your Moment of Truth**

God may be speaking to you about:  
A relationship.  
Your finances.  
Your work.  
Your health.

When you know someone's intentions are good,  
it's easier to trust their direction.

Jesus said in John 14:21

Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me... and I will reveal myself to them.

## **One Thing to Remember**

If you remember one thing from today, remember this:

**Cuz Jesus love you so,  
He goin show you how fo go.  
So no be slow when He tell you fo go.  
No be one lolol.  
As why when He tell you fo go—you go.  
And when you go—you grow.**

That's the moment of truth.

## **A Call to Respond: Your Moment of Truth**

Right now, you're standing in a moment of truth.

Not because of the words I spoke—  
but because **Jesus has been speaking to you.**

Some of you, God has been highlighting an area of your life all throughout this message.

You know exactly what it is.  
A place where He's saying, "*Trust Me here.*"

And the question is simple: **Will you follow through?**

Jesus doesn't reveal truth to shame you.  
He reveals truth because He loves you.  
Because He's a good God.  
Because He wants to build your life on solid rock.

Maybe today your response is radical obedience.  
You know what He's asking—and it's time to stop delaying.

Maybe today your response is trust.  
You don't fully understand, but you're choosing to believe His goodness.

And for some of you, today is the first time you're saying yes to Jesus.  
Not just believing in Him—but trusting Him with your life.

Jesus said, "*Those who love Me will obey Me—and I will reveal Myself to them.*"

So this is your moment of truth.

You don't have to have it all figured out.  
You just have to take the next step.

In your heart, right now, you can say:  
**"Jesus, I hear You. I trust You. I will follow through."**

If that's you—Respond to Him.

Because when Jesus tells you to go—you go.  
And when you go—you grow.

BENEDICTION:

### Ohana Group Discussion Questions

1. **“What’s one moment—big or small—where you’ve experienced or noticed the goodness of God?”**
  
2. **Looking back at this past week, what was an everyday “moment of truth” you faced—and how did you respond?**  
(Driving, work, family, school, helping someone in need, etc.)
  
3. **Which part of the message connected most with you: choosing wisdom, following through without delay, or trusting God’s goodness—and why?**
  
4. **Is there an area of your life where you feel God has already spoken clearly, but you’ve been tempted to delay or ignore it?**  
What do you think has been holding you back?
  
5. **Jesus says the difference between a wise and foolish life isn’t the storm—it’s the foundation.**  
What are some “cracks” you’ve noticed that might be pointing to truth God wants you to practice, not just hear?
  
6. **What is one specific next step of obedience God is inviting you to take this week—and how can your ohana support you in following through?**