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BY THE BOOK

Truth In A
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WEEK 3 | What does the Bible Say About...?

PRAYER

How wonderful that your kingdom, your rule in people's lives, is not a matter of food and drink, but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. May I, in serving Christ this way, be acceptable to you and approved by others.

Let me and all the members of your family pursue what makes for peace and for mutual uplifting. Let none of us, for the sake of personal rights, destroy your work of grace in someone else. Help us to appreciate our rights, but help each of us understand that it is wrong to make others fall by insisting on them. Guide us to see that it is right not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that would make a brother or sister stumble. May I never do anything from the basis of doubt, because not acting from conviction is sin.

In the name of Jesus I pray all this, asking that you will give me love for my brothers and sisters. Amen.

from [Praying with Paul: 'Pursuing Peace'](#)

WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

For you, what food do you consider your guilty pleasure?

WORD

¹⁰ For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

[2 CORINTHIANS 7:10](#)

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

[1 CORINTHIANS 15:56-58](#)

Have you ever reached a crossroads where you see on one hand that God's instruction in the Bible says clearly for you to be obedient one way, but on the other hand you really desire strongly to move in a different direction from where God wants you to go?

God's word guides us through life's choices through the narrative of the lives of Israelites in the Old Testament before Jesus and how they either obeyed or disobeyed God, through the poetry, psalms and prophecies issued through the prophets of Israel, or through the commandments and lines of order through out the Bible.

When it comes down to it as we learnt last week, if the Bible is all about God, then we must come to know Him deeper as the author of the Scriptures. He writes these for us to highlight that sin moves us away from the law, and that we should remain steadfast in our relationship with God, for our obedience should flow out of our knowing who He is.

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1-10 (1 being never/not at all and 10 being always/extremely) how would you rate your awareness of God's leading and instruction? Why have you rated yourself this way?
2. Name one thing that the Bible highlights about who God is, and how has this been evident in your life if ever?
3. When you've not done what God has said, whether actively or passively, have you been quick to repent (turn away from sin, turn towards God)? Why/Why not?
4. What is one issue that you've asked the question "What does God say about this?" Have you reached any conclusions about this?
5. What do you think it means when 1 Corinthians 15:56 says "The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law"? Why is the power of sin the law?
6. Have you ever found it hard to obey God? If you are not necessarily a follower or believer in God, is there any particular reason you've been hesitant to follow Him?
7. Would you like to trust God the author of the Bible with your life, and start a relationship with God through Jesus? Ask your lifegroup leader to lead you in prayer to receive Christ. You can pray this prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Saviour. In Jesus name, Amen.

PRAYER