

Don't Sell the Truth

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DAY 1

The Deal Is Done

Ephesians 1:13-14 — *"In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory."*

REFLECTION

God placed His Holy Spirit inside every believer as a down payment — proof that He has already purchased us and that the full inheritance is guaranteed.

A down payment is not a maybe. The moment it is exchanged, the negotiation is over. We belong to Him, and no one else has a right to claim us. He so desired fellowship with us that He put Himself on the inside of us in the meantime — as a guarantee that He is coming back to complete the transaction.

READ AND FILL IN THE BLANKS (NKJV OR TOT)

Read Ephesians 1, allowing each person to read three verses. (Key Verse: Ephesians 1:13-14.)

1. Having believed, you were _____ with the Holy Spirit of promise. (Answer: sealed)
2. The Holy Spirit is the _____ of our inheritance. (Answer: guarantee)
3. We are the _____ possession, to the praise of His glory. (Answer: purchased)

FAMILY DISCUSSION

- › If someone asked you to prove that you belong to God, what would you say?
 - › What is one area of your life where you have been acting like the deal is still undecided — as if you might not really be His?
 - › Give everyone a turn: name one thing you are grateful God has already secured for you.
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DAY 2

Don't Sell What You've Bought

Proverbs 23:23 — *"Buy the truth, and do not sell it, also wisdom and instruction and understanding."*

REFLECTION

Truth is something we buy — through decision, through sacrifice, through years of watching God be faithful. That 'knowing' becomes a deposit in us. The enemy's strategy is to get us to sell it the moment pressure comes.

David had no enemy and no threat. Fear or pride planted one thought: count your men. See how much strength you have. He took the bait and sold the truth of God's sufficiency for a number. His own general Joab warned him — God has always given us victory regardless of the count. David didn't listen. Judgment came immediately.

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Read Proverbs 23, allowing each person to read three verses. (Key Verse: Proverbs 23:23.)

4. Buy _____, and do not sell it. (Answer: the truth)
5. Also buy: wisdom and _____ and _____. (Answer: instruction / understanding)

FAMILY DISCUSSION

- › Think of one moment when God came through for your family. That's a truth. What would it look like to 'sell' it — to act as if it never happened the next time things get hard?
- › What kind of fear or pressure is most likely to make you forget what God has done — sell the Truth?
- › Give everyone a turn: share one testimony — something God did that proves He can be trusted again.

DAY 3

Quieted by His Love

Zephaniah 3:17 — *"The Lord your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."*

REFLECTION

Zephaniah 3:17 describes God as a warrior in your midst who dances and sings over you — not because you earned it, but because you came into his presence. His joy over you is what quiets every lying voice.

Paul learned contentment — he did not start knowing. He came from privilege and probably never lacked. It was the stripping away, the obedience through scarcity, that taught him: the presence of the Almighty is enough. We are all somewhere on that road. The question is not whether you are there yet. The question is whether you are still walking.

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Read Zephaniah 3, allowing each person to read three verses. (Key verse: Zephaniah 3:17.)

6. He will _____ over you with gladness. (Answer: rejoice)
7. He will quiet you with His _____. (Answer: love)
8. He will rejoice over you with _____. (Answer: singing)

FAMILY DISCUSSION

- › God's singing over you is louder than any voice the enemy sends. Where do you need his presence to quiet the noise in your life this week?
- › What does it change about your day to know that God is rejoicing over you — not disappointed, not waiting, but singing?

- › Give everyone a turn: where will you go to be in his presence this week — your chair, your car, your kitchen?