

Don't Sell the Truth

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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."

On May 10, 2026, Bishop Beau brought a Sunday message at Courts of Praise drawing from [Ephesians 1](#), [Proverbs 23](#), [2 Samuel 24](#), [Philippians 4](#), and [Zephaniah 3](#). The thread: we are purchased. The Holy Spirit in us is God's down payment — the legal guarantee the transaction is done. The only remaining question is whether we will hold the truth we have bought, or sell it the moment pressure arrives.

The central question of this guide: what does it mean to hold the truth you've bought — and refuse to sell it?

Open with a brief time of worship or prayer, then work through the questions at a pace that allows real conversation. Not every group will finish all six.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Bro Beau said the Holy Spirit is 'the down payment of our inheritance — the guarantee that the transaction is legal.' What does that picture do to how you think about your standing before God right now — today, not someday?

Leader note: This question sets the theological foundation. Give it room. Some may have a shallow or conditional sense of belonging that this image directly challenges.

2. Proverbs 23:23 says 'Buy the truth, and do not sell it.' What does it cost to buy truth — spiritually and practically? What does selling it actually look like in everyday life?
3. David's census cost him nothing material — he just wanted to know the number. But it revealed something: in that moment, he needed something other than God to feel secure. What are the modern versions of that — the numbers, metrics, or external reassurances we reach for when God's word should be enough?

Leader note: This often hits close to home: finances, health reports, approval from others. Let people sit in honest identification before moving to resolution.

4. Paul said he 'learned' to be content — he didn't start knowing. What has it taken in your own life to move from 'I will obey, but I'm not happy about it' toward genuine contentment in God's provision? Where are you on that road right now?

Leader note: Some in the group may currently be obeying but not at peace. Create space for honesty. The goal is honest placement on the road, not performance.

5. Zephaniah 3:17 says God rejoices over us with singing and quiets us with his love. Bro Beau said: 'You can't hear the devil over God singing and shouting over you.' What does your access to that presence actually look like this week — and what is the enemy most consistently using to keep you out of it?
6. Bro Beau described refusing to submit to the world's economic system as a decided posture, not ignorance. He and Rachel went to India — \$12,000 needed, \$5,000 given, \$15,000 arrived unsolicited. What would it look like for your life to move from

calculating whether God can come through to simply cooperating with what he has asked?

CLOSING CHALLENGE

Before your next gathering: identify one place where you have been selling truth — acting as if God's past faithfulness will not apply to your current situation. Come back ready to share what you did about it and what happened.
