

Understanding Galatians 2: Speak Truth

Ready:

“Some so-called believers there—false ones, really—...were secretly brought in. They sneaked in to spy on us and take away the freedom we have in Christ Jesus. They wanted to enslave us and force us to follow their Jewish regulations. But we refused to give in to give in to them for a single moment. We wanted to preserve the truth of the gospel message for you.”
Galatians 2:4-5

Set

Imagine this scenario: you're a new freshman on the team, and as you finish up your very first practice, an upperclassman comes up to you and says, “Hey, freshman. It's your job to put away the equipment today.”

That's probably not too hard to imagine. But say another upperclassman comes up to you and confronts his classmate: “What are you trying to pull? You know we don't do things like that.” Then he turns to you and says, “Don't worry about this. We're here to serve you first.”

Not as likely an ending, right? But this is exactly the kind of encouraging thing Paul was doing. When false believers presented ungodly actions and unnecessary rules as the truth, Paul had the confidence to intervene. As authentic Christians, we should strive to do the same. Whether it's holding team members accountable, standing up for a new believer, or demonstrating the truth in love, we have a responsibility to uphold the truth of the Gospel in our community. Refuse to give in to anything less!

Go

1. Have you ever witnessed a self-proclaimed believer teaching something that went against the truth? What did you do?
2. What steps do you need to take to make sure you don't get misled by variations of the truth?
3. How can you be proactive in protecting the people you lead against false teaching?

Workout

2 Timothy 2:15-25; Titus 2

Overtime

“Lord, thank You for the freedom we have in Your son Jesus, and thank You for the truth of Your Word. I want to preserve that truth, so please give me discernment to recognize when someone strays from it, and give me courage to correct them in love.”

Bible Reference:

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Titus 2



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