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**Message Series:** Speaking The Truth in Love

Psalm 97:10 "Let those who love the Lord hate evil."

Luke 10:27

**Last Week: Four Key Thoughts:**

1) "Being offended is inevitable. But living offended is a choice."

Romans 12:18

2) "You can't control what others say or do but as far as it depends on you, live in peace."

3) "Love doesn't seek to win the argument; it seeks to protect the relationship."

4) If I'm right, but not loving, I have hindered healing.

**Speaking The Truth In Love**

Ephesians 4:15

Ephesians 4:1

**"Live a life worthy"** - "We don't walk worthy so that God will love us, but because He does love us."

**"A Life Worthy"** - humble, gentle, patient, loving

Ephesians 4:12-15    Ephesians 3:16-19

John 1:14 Jesus - "full of grace and truth."

**Four Key Truths:**

1) There are areas of our lives that are out of line with God, not brought into submission, still stubborn, yet we're often convinced these are our strong points!

Romans 12:1, 2

Matthew 24:12

John 13:35

2) This "agape" love - is a choice, it is action based, not mere emotion, not based on people pleasing but God-pleasing above all else.

Ephesians 4:22-25

Ephesians 4:29, 30

3) "Speaking Truth in Love" - is not as much about having a gentle demeanor as it is about God's Spirit of truth and love filling us.

1 Corinthians 13:6 "... Love... rejoices with the truth..."

Psalm 87:7 "... All my springs are in You."

Ephesians 4:24

4) Jesus is not into patching up our natural/inborn virtues—He wants a Total Makeover.

Mark 10:20-23

2 Corinthians 4:14-18

Matthew 7:24-27