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# **Belonging to Him**

**OUR NEED FOR  
*TRUE* RELATIONSHIP**

A person is shown from the back, wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt, with their arms raised high in a gesture of prayer or praise. The background is a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise, with golden light breaking through dark, layered clouds. The overall mood is one of spiritual devotion and hope.

# **Belonging to Him**

**True Relationship**

# True Relationship

## What Is Truth?



*Who was this man?*

*Pontius Pilate stared at him. He was brought to him bound, disheveled, freshly bruised from some recent beating.*

# True Relationship

## What Is Truth?



*“Are You the King of the Jews?”*

*“My kingdom is not of this world. If it were of this world, my servants would be fighting so I would not be handed over to the Jews.”*

# True Relationship

## What Is Truth?



*“So, you are a king?”*

*“You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth.”*

# True Relationship

## What Is Truth?



*“Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice.”*

*Pilate said to him,  
“What is truth?”*

*(John 18:33-38)*

# True Relationship

## What Is Truth?

**For Pilate, there would be no answer. There was no need to answer...**

**Because truth was staring him right in the face.**

# True Relationship

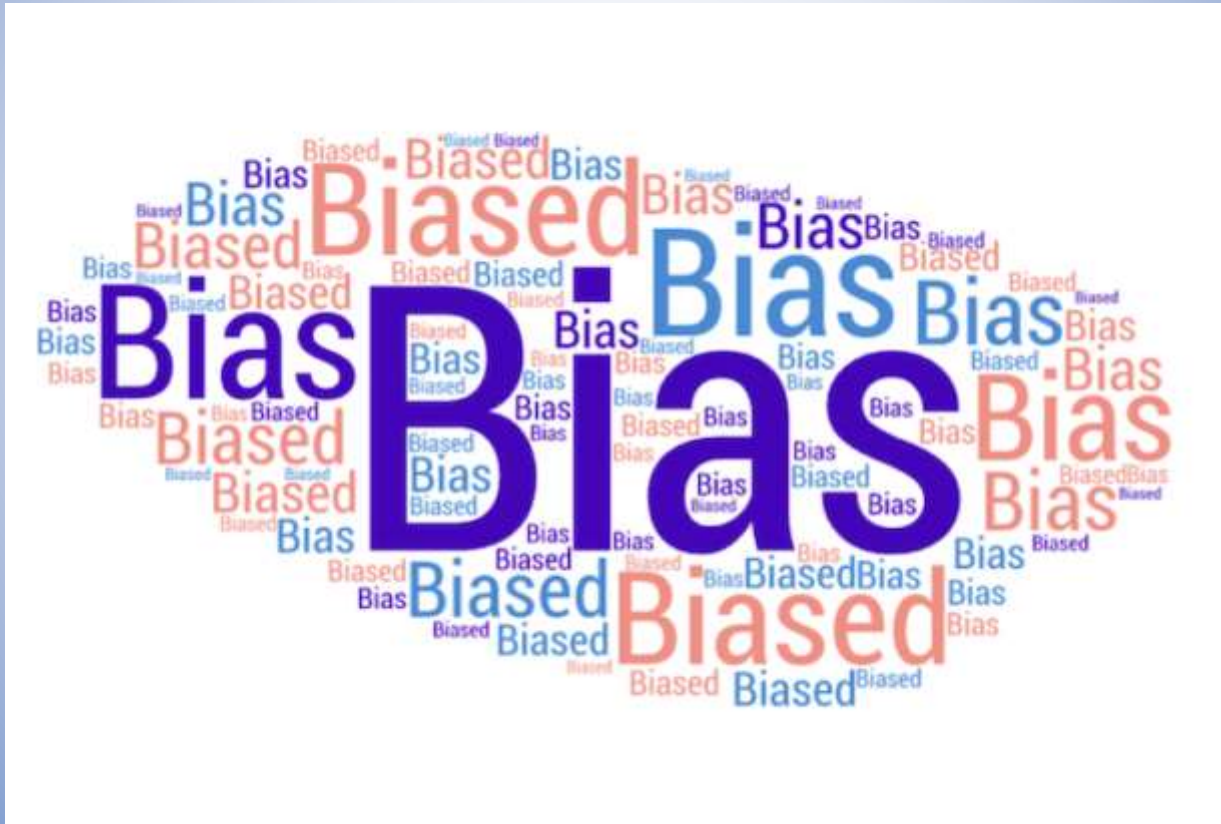
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Is That The  
Fundamental  
Question?



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## The Fundamental Question



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**Which is the most  
fundamental question?**

**“What is truth?”**

**or**

**“Who is TRUE?”**



# True Relationship

## The Fundamental Question



**Truth Matters.**

**But who is *true to you*,  
matters even more.**

# True Relationship

## Our Need For True Relationship

*“Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.” (Hebrews 11:6)*

**We definitely need the to know the authenticity of biblical claims and that God exists for a truth.**

**But the goal for knowing those claims are truthful is so we might belong to the one who is true.**

# True Relationship

## Our Need For True Relationship

**A true relationship has some of the following qualities:**

- **A strong foundation**
- **Integrity**
- **Accountability**
- **Honesty**
- **Openness**
- **Trust**

# True Relationship

## Our Need For True Relationship

**A true relationship has some of the following qualities:**

- **Predictability**
- **Presence**
- **Promises Kept**
- **Unity**
- **Fulfillment**
- **Communication**

# True Relationship

## Our Need For True Relationship

**A true relationship has some of the following qualities:**

- **Consideration**
- **Patience**
- **Forgiveness**
- **Commitment**
- **Faithfulness**
- **Perseverance**

# True Relationship

## God is TRUE!

*“God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?” (Numbers 23:19)*

*“The works of his hands are truth and justice; All his precepts are sure. They are upheld forever and ever; They are performed in truth and uprightness.” (Psalm 111:7-8)*

# True Relationship

## God is TRUE!

*“I the LORD do not change.” (Malachi 3:6)*

*“I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” (Genesis 28:15)*

*“This is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.” (1 John 5:14)*

# True Relationship

## God is TRUE!

*“If we are faithless, he remains faithful. For he cannot deny himself.” (2 Timothy 2:13)*

*“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ‘The LORD is my portion,’ says my soul. Therefore, I will hope in him.” (Lamentations 3:21-24)*



# True Relationship

## Jesus is TRUE!

*“The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood.” (John 7:18)*

*“Truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.” (Matthew 5:18)*

# True Relationship

## Jesus is TRUE!

*“[God] has given assurance to all by raising [Jesus] from the dead.” (Acts 17:31)*

*“The Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.” (John 15:26)*

# True Relationship

## God Rewards Those Who Earnestly Seek Him

**Many search for truth, but more people search for relationships that are true. So, we should ask:**

- **Is there a God out there who won't ever leave me and forsake me?**
- **Is he someone I can turn to when the rest of the world seems to have abandoned me?**
- **Is there a God whose character is full of integrity?**
- **Who promises and delivers?**

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- **A God who communicates his heart to me and wants me to communicate my heart to him?**

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## True Relationship

*“Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.” (John 17:17-21)*

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