



Unit 30, Session 4

Guarding the Truth

2 Corinthians 11

Story Point: God gives us power to stand up for the gospel.

Paul heard that the believers in Corinth were turning away from the gospel. Other people had come and taught them things that weren't true. So Paul wrote a letter to the church.

“Listen,” Paul wrote, “I care about you. I want you to be faithful to Jesus and remember the gospel.” The Corinthian believers had everything they needed—the good news of the gospel—yet they were turning away to listen to wrong teaching.

“I’m not a great speaker,” Paul admitted, “but I know what I’m talking about.” Paul relied on God’s power to share the gospel. He spent his life sharing the good news, even though it meant facing suffering.

Paul wrote, “I won’t back down. False teachers are trying to spread different messages so that the good news about Jesus

won’t go out. These teachers are against God, and they’re only trying to take advantage of you.”

Paul spoke up because he knew the truth. “If anyone deserves to be listened to, it’s me. I’ve worked hard, been thrown in jail and beaten, and nearly died to share the gospel.” Paul knew his suffering was worth it, and he wasn’t going to give up. “I do all of this because God, the Father of the Lord Jesus, deserves to be praised.”

Christ Connection: Sharing Jesus with the world is not always easy. There will always be some who try to stop the good news from spreading. God calls believers to follow and obey Jesus no matter what.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- How would you respond to each of these claims? Find and read the references in your Bible for help:

“I’m not sure I can trust the Bible.” (See Proverbs 30:5.)

“Jesus isn’t really alive, right?” (See 1 Corinthians 15:3-6.)

“I’m a good person. I don’t need Jesus.” (See Romans 3:23.)

- What does this story teach us about God?

- Why was it so important to Paul that the believers know the truth?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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APPLY the Story

- Find Colossians 1:18 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, asking God to put His truth in your heart and give you power to stand up for the gospel and share it with others.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Corinthians 11:3-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> John 14:6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> James 1:13-14 | <input type="checkbox"/> John 17:17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Corinthians 2:9,11 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 25:5 |