

Level One Workbook

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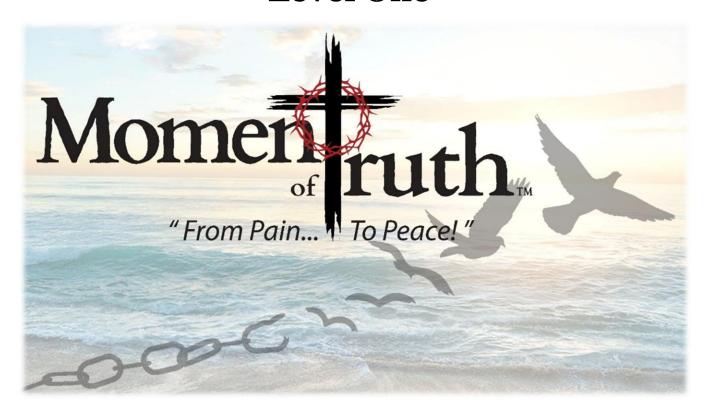


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Discipleship Training Intensive Level One



We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.

1 Corinthians 10:5

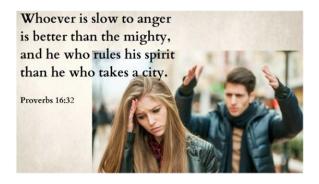


Introduction Our Challenge

Here is our challenge:

- You can't be like Jesus until you THINK like Jesus!
- Truly live by Faith.
- Get about the business of being a discipler.
- Always keep your focus on the "forever perspective."
- Take full control of your own spirit.

Of all the remarkable things about Jesus in His full humanity, to me, the greatest thing that stands out most is His ability to never lose control of His own spirit!



A life of faith is "Every day, every hour, every minute is a battle for perspective."

A life of discipleship is a life spent teaching others to do the same.

God is calling His people back to the "new, old way!"

We have been told from the moment we became a Christian that we should be more like Jesus...!

You are here because you are called to a higher calling! A calling more consistent with what Jesus actually taught His disciples. We are called first and foremost to learn to *think* like Jesus!



So, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Philippians 2:1-2

This weekend we will begin to learn to think like Jesus, and if we learn to think like Jesus,

We will live like Jesus.

And if we live like Jesus, we will love and gather in unity like Jesus!

There are two main things that marked the way Jesus always thought:

- He always thought in terms of what the Father wanted.
- He always maintained the "forever perspective."



Principles

Moment of truth is a comprehensive, effective, and repeatable collection of material that may be learned and replicated in the lives of others.

This weekend we are going to talk about one small part of Moment of Truth called the Thought Captivity Model (TCM).

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-control.

2 Timothy 1:6-7

...assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

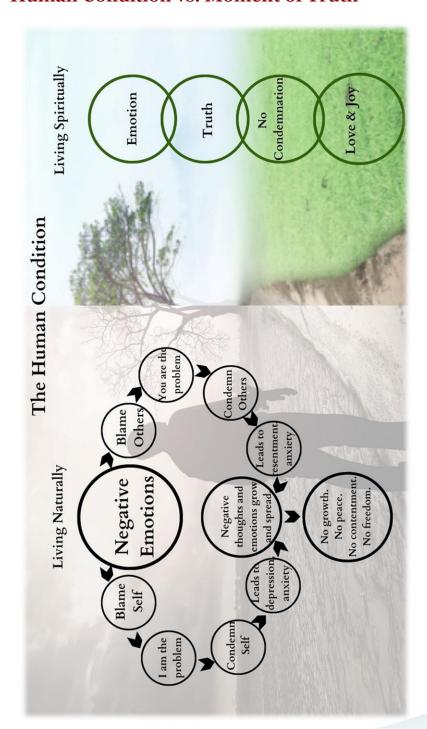
Ephesians 4:21-24

For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have the divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:4-6

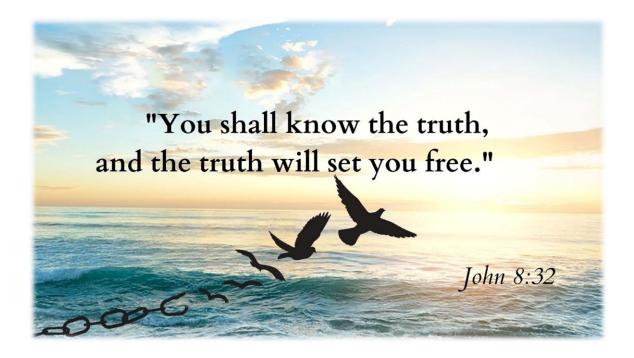


Human Condition vs. Moment of Truth





Key Verse – John 8:32





Kevin's Story How God Taught Me...

God uses three basic methods to teach us His spiritual truths:

- He uses His revelation (Jesus, Bible, creation)
- · He uses painful circumstances
- He uses chastening (Pain designed to correct, not to punish)

What God Taught Me

God began to reveal to me specific elements of how I had learned to think over the course of my lifetime and the order in which they came. I began to record them and practiced bringing them from the subconscious to the conscious, and in so doing was able to begin to manage them actively, and thus begin to change them.

How I Began to Use It

Then I decided that what God taught me needed to be shared with others who were living in lives of bondage, so I began to disciple anyone who was interested.

Moment of Truth reveals the critical principles needed in discipleship – that are often missed or misunderstood by others.

Discipleship Principles Are for Everyone!

The Principles:

- DISCIPLESHIP is learning to THINK like Jesus
- Our challenge is CONDEMNATION
- Our hope is the concept of GOD'S LOVE



What's Happened Since (Where We Are Now)

Through the process of discipling others, I have built a body of information, concepts, truths, and practices that have been used to change people's lives!

I've been using this method since 2020, then started keeping stats in Jan 2022. Stats below are from Jan 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023:

IOT Impact since Ja	n 2022
Total number of visits:	749
Total number of clients	: -97

Why You Are Here

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20

Discipleship is why the Lord has you here tonight. You and I were called specifically in the great commission to "make disciples of all nations." We are embarking on a new life purpose. It is more than counseling, although that is a part of it.





It is changing how people think. Moment of Truth provides the tools and understanding to counsel, teach, and learn how to think and love like Jesus does. It is God's method to grow us and the means by which He can and has saved marriages, delivered individuals in trials and desperation—even save our country—because it is God's ordained way to reveal the truth through the Holy Spirit!

Moment of Truth Ministry was founded because it has become clear to the world in general, and to me in particular, that something big is coming! What is also plainly clear is that the people of God—God's remnant—is ill prepared spiritually for anything but ease and comfort.

His call to them was not simply to be or live like Him...His call was deeper than that. Jesus knew that any call to be or do something would be an exercise in frustration and failure.

What He taught His disciples, and what He calls you and I to understand is that He does not merely want us to act like Him or be like Him, but far more importantly, He wants us to learn to *think* like Him!

This is, after all, what true discipleship is!

He knew that we act the way we think. Therefore, if we can learn to think the way He does, then we can be the way He is.

This is the high calling that so many miss...

In our salvation, we are regenerated to be able to think no longer in the flesh but now in the spirit. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

... he saved us, not because of works do righteousness, but according to his own m washing of regeneration and renewal of the

Titus 3:5

Beth Hides in the Barn



Many of you have heard Kevin's story of the painful birth of MOT. I want you all to know that the crash and burn was not *only* Kevin's. I walked *through* it *with* Kevin.

Though I often hid in the barn, tears soaking the neck and mane of my therapist, my horse, I was walking through it, too. I stood next to that horse. I cried. I screamed. I called out for God to help. And that horse – he just pressed into me and let me cry.

Vladimir Nabokov wrote in his memoir entitled, *Speak, Memory*, a statement that is rich and true for all of us:

"Neither in environment nor in heredity can I find the exact instrument that fashioned me; the anonymous roller that pressed upon my life a certain intricate watermark whose unique design becomes visible when the lamp of art (in his case and mine, writing) is made to shine through life's foolscap."

Do you know what foolscap is? Sometimes, it means a dunce cap, but in this case, foolscap refers to cheap paper, and the marks left on inexpensive paper were impressed into it as it was rolled out on old, overused pressing rollers. In essence, they left their watermark on all the paper.

Our human condition watermarks our souls, our stories, our lives. Our old ways of living become so deeply impressed onto the pages of our lives that we not only accept—but expect—the pain we experience. Only when we begin to shine a lamp through it can we see the beauty of it all.

In the end of this mess, the shards and ashes lay round about us.

And then, as the storm passed and the rain slowed, we could see it had washed over those shards, and they began to gleam, to glitter, in the light.

He (God) told me—quite clearly—one day as I was writing my prayers to Him that those gleaming, glittering shards had been put through the fire, and pressed, and fashioned as the perfectly created gems for my crown.

My crown of thorns had been transformed into His crown for me. And I will cast it at His feet on my first glimpse of Him.



Kevin Hears from God – a Call to Radical Love

One day as I worked mindlessly in the barn stacking wood the weight of the Holy Spirit began to press upon my shoulders. After resisting His power for as long as I could, I found myself on my knees. I said under my breath, "What Lord?" The first words I heard from God were these:

"Kevin?" I heard softly. "Yes Lord?" "How long are you going to love expecting something in return?"

Immediately, I was called to face the profound brokenness of my love for others—it was always done hoping, if not expecting it to be recognized and returned. Facing this truth about myself brought agony to my soul.

"Is that what I do, Lord?"

"I am calling you to **radical love!**" the still small Voice said. "A love that expects no earthly return."

Fear filled my soul because I knew what that meant—total sacrifice—God's son loved so purely and received nothing but hatred and ridicule in return on earth.

God was calling ME to love that way!

Why? To punish me? Isn't it normal for us to want our love returned when we give it?

Yes, of course—but there is a higher calling! A calling with a far greater reward than being loved well by others.

It is the call to love the way Jesus did!

To love others expecting nothing in return until <u>after</u> His death.





Love As the Overall Purpose

God's love is absolute!

God's love is fully revealed in the two covenants—old vs. new.

...if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing...

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

1 Corinthians 13:2-8

Our Big Purpose (Radical Love for Others)

What is our big purpose? You and me and the Lord changing lives by loving with no expectation of earthly return.