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UNCOVERING THE TRUTH ABOUT OUR BELIEFS

Beliefs—Accept (something) as true; feel sure of the truth of; hold (something) as an opinion; think or suppose.

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“Truth without grace is legalism. Grace without truth is deception. But truth with grace is transformation.”

- **Truth is not just information—it is transformation.**
- **Knowing the truth brings freedom, not restriction.**

Point 1:

Genesis 3:1-5—The First Lie: The serpent deceived Eve by making her question God's word.

The Devil's Strategy: John 8:44—*When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.*

- **A lie believed as truth will affect your life as if it were true.**

Point 2:

John 8:32— *“You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*

- **Truth transforms our identity and decisions.**
- **Truth is not just about knowing facts—it's about experiencing freedom.**

Point 3:

Psalms 119:105— *“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”*

- **Truth is a foundation for life.**
 - If we build on feelings or cultural opinions, we will be unstable.

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1. Gathering the Ingredients—The Individual Parts of Our Lives

- **Eggs** (Hard situations)
- **Flour** (Dry seasons)
- **Sugar** (Sweet blessings)
- **Butter** (Things that seem messy)

²⁸ *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.* **Romans 8:28 NIV**

2. Mixing the Ingredients—The Uncomfortable Process

- Stirring and blending is uncomfortable, but necessary for transformation.
- God allows trials to mix us, shape us, and prepare us for what's next.

3. Baking—The Heat of Refinement

- Heat is needed to turn the batter into a cake.
- In life, we go through fires of testing and waiting, but God is refining us.

⁷ *These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.* **1 Peter 1:7 NIV**

4. The Final Product—Restoration and Fulfillment

- Once the process is complete, the cake is ready.
- God restores what was broken.