



WEEK 19 | NICK CARNES

All Scripture is in the Christian Standard Bible (CSB), unless noted differently.

2 Timothy 2:24-26 The Lord's servant must not quarrel, but must be gentle to everyone, able to teach, and patient, ²⁵ instructing his opponents with gentleness. Perhaps God will grant them repentance leading them to the knowledge of the truth. ²⁶ Then they may come to their senses and escape the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

There is _____ and it must be _____ for

Truth is a verified or indisputable fact, proposition, principle, or the like. It's what corresponds to reality. What God reveals & ultimately what's embodied in Christ.

Relativism is the view that truth, morality, & knowledge are not absolute. They change depending on individual perspectives, cultural contexts, or historical frameworks.

Absolute Truth is facts that correspond to reality independently of anyone's beliefs, perceptions, preferences, or cultural contexts.

NOTES:

GO DEEPER

This week, read the Scriptures from Sunday and answer these questions:

1. What did you learn from Sunday's sermon? Did you gain any new insights?
2. Why do you think our culture struggles so much with the idea of absolute truth? The sermon contrasted objective truth with relativism. Where do you see relativistic thinking showing up in our culture, workplace, family, or even within the church? How does Scripture challenge that mindset?
3. What is the difference between contending for the faith and being quarrelsome? Paul tells believers to contend for the faith, yet he also says the Lord's servant must not quarrel. How can we stand firmly for truth without becoming argumentative, combative, or driven by pride?
4. Which of the qualities in verse 24 do you find most difficult: gentleness, the ability to teach, or patience? Why is that quality challenging for you?
5. How does remembering that God grants repentance change the way we approach difficult spiritual conversations? Have you ever felt frustrated when someone rejected biblical truth or refused to listen? How does Paul's reminder that God is the One who grants repentance affect your expectations and attitude?
6. Paul says that repentance leads people to the knowledge of the truth and freedom from the devil's trap. How has God's truth brought freedom into your own life? Share a time when God used His Word to correct, redirect, or free you from a false belief, sinful pattern, fear, or deception. What did you learn through that experience?