Truth

1) What is truth?

John 18:33-38 Absolute truth vs. Relative truth

* *In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes. Judges 21:25*
* *For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints. I Corinthians 14:33*
* *Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. So truth fails, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. Isaiah 59:14-15a*
* Truth is the new hate speech. “During times of universal deceit, telling the truth becomes a revolutionary act.” George Orwell, famous for his novels, “Animal Farm,” and “Nineteen Eighty-four” (1949) the saying, “Big Brother” comes from this book.

2) Absolute Truth

* *Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. John 14:6*
* *However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. John 16:13*

3) Your perception is your truth

*But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! Matthew 6:23*

* Truth is not limited to your perception and experience. Is truth limited to what you know and understand?
* Sincerity is no guarantee that you have the truth. You can be sincere but sincerely wrong.
* Perceptual acuity: Looking for evidence that validates my perspective. Also, be aware things I hadn’t noticed before.

4) Truth continually sets you free

* *Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:31-32*
* *For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image. 2 Corinthians 3:17-18*