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**Beyond Normal**  
(the life you were meant to live)

### “GOODNESS - FAITHFULNESS”

The Christian life is not a life that is morally restrained from the outside but supernaturally changed from the inside.

**Galatians 5:22-23** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

**Goodness** = Gr. Uprightness of heart and life.  
(Integrity/Consistency)

**Faithfulness** = Gr. Character of one who can be relied on. (Dependability)

Living a life of goodness and faithfulness is the result of living a truth centered life. To live a truth centered life is to live a life in fellowship with Jesus Christ, who is the truth. (John 14:6, 18:37)

At the root of all my problems is a distrust of God (The Lord Jesus Christ). A lie believed to be true will affect my life as if it were true. (John 8:31-32)

1 John 1:1-10

### WHAT IS A TRUTH CENTERED LIFE?

- Walk with God sincerely. Vv5-6
- Live the Christian life consistently. V6
- Open for accountability relationally. V7
- Never act like I have arrived spiritually. V8
- Confess my sins regularly to both God & others. Vv9-10 (James 5:16)

### WHAT IS THE OPPOSITE?

- Checking the church box. (Matt. 15:8)
- To not practice what I preach. (Matt. 5:33-37)

- To isolate and insulate from others. (Heb. 3:12-13, 10:24-25)
- To be out of touch with where God is working in my life. (1 John 1:8; 1 Cor. 3:18)
- To hide or manage or to put a positive spin on my sin. (1 John 1:9)

### WHAT IS THE COUNTERFIET?

- To know about God but not know Him. (1 Cor. 8:1)
- To be moral, virtuous and have it all together but not know God. (Matt. 23:27-28; 1 Cor. 13:1-3)
- Worldly Sorrow in confessing sin. (2 Cor. 7:10-11)
- To use the shot gun approach in confessing sins. (1 John 1:9)
- False Humility. (Col. 2:18, 23)

### HOW DO I GET IT?

1 John 2:1-8

- I need an experience with the Truth: Jesus Christ! (vv1-2)
- An experience with the truth: To know Him is to love Him is to obey Him is to live a truth centered life. (vv3-6)
- The more I walk in the light of His love the less I need to hide. (vv7-8)

### **BEYOND NORMAL** cont.

(The life you were meant to live)

May 18 “Gentleness/Self-control”(1Cor.9:23-27,10:11-13)

May 25 **YOUTH WEEKEND!**

### **INCREASE**

**(More God less me)**

In this series we will examine selected chapters from the ancient Hebrew Hymnal Psalms and learn spiritual pathways that will increase our capacity to experience the presence of God.

June 1	“Meditation”	Psalm 1
June 8	“Praying My Fears”	Psalm 3
June 15	“Practicing His Presence”	Psalm 16



# Growing

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## desert breeze community church

**1)** Truth is a matter of taste and morality a matter of opinion in our relativistic American culture. How do you see this being lived out? Why did Jesus come into this world? (John 18:37, 14:6)

**2)** A lie believed to be true will affect my life as if it were true. Explain. (John 8:31-32) What does it mean to live a truth centered life? What would be the opposite?

**3)** How is it possible to think you're living a truth centered life but in reality it's only a counterfeit? What does it mean to know about God and to even be a moral person but not know God? What is the difference between Godly & worldly repentance? (2 Cor. 7:10-11)

**4)** What does it mean to confess sin and why is it important to be specific? (1 John 1:9) What is false humility? (Col. 2:18-23)

**5)** A truth centered life starts with an experience with the truth (The Lord Jesus Christ). Explain. How does living in the light of God's love for me decrease my need to hide and increase my being a person of goodness and faithfulness? Pray that you may know, love and obey God more and more.