

#struggles

message notes

Authenticity
Sunday, February 27 | Tommy Duke
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ONE MORE WAY TECH IS CHANGING RELATIONSHIPS:

- **MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEGUN TO FEAR AND AVOID _____ COMMUNICATION.**

THE ISSUE WITH VEILED/FILTERED LIVING

¹³ We are not like Moses, who put a veil over his face so the people of Israel would not see the glory, even though it was destined to fade away. ¹⁴ But the people's minds were hardened, and to this day whenever the old covenant is being read, the same veil covers their minds so they cannot understand the truth. And this veil can be removed only by believing in Christ. ¹⁵ Yes, even today when they read Moses' writings, their hearts are covered with that veil, and they do not understand.

¹⁶ But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ 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 3:13-18 (NLT)

- **WHAT VEIL AM I WEARING? _____**

(Spiritual? Family? Work? Health? Marriage?)

TO LIVE AN AUTHENTIC, UNFILTERED LIFE, I MUST...

- 1) _____ **MY COMMUNICATION WITH OTHERS TO MAKE SURE IT IS**
_____.

(Jesus) *“But let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No.’ For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.”*
– Matthew 5:37 (NKJV)

2) REALIZE THAT _____ DOESN'T NEED TO BE SHARED WITH _____.

“Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.” – Ephesians 4:29 (NLT)

“Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.” – Colossians 4:5 (NKJV)

3) RECOGNIZE THE PROGRESSION OF _____.

“We are not like Moses, who put a veil over his face...” – 2 Corinthians 3:13 (NLT)

“...and to this day whenever the old covenant is being read, the same veil covers their minds so they cannot understand the truth.” – 2 Corinthians 3:14 (NLT)

“Yes, even today when they read Moses' writings, their hearts are covered with that veil, and they do not understand.” – 2 Corinthians 3:15 (NLT)

4) REMEMBER THAT ONLY _____ CAN _____ MY VEIL.

“But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.” – 2 Corinthians 3:16 (NLT)

Memory Verse:

*“For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”
– 2 Corinthians 3:17 (NLT)*

*“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 3:18 (NLT)*

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- Memorize 2 Corinthians 3:17.
- Assess my current level of authenticity to others (both in-person and online).
- Ask for Jesus's power to live an unfiltered life.
- Sign Up for Spring Growth Group #_____.

Join us again next weekend as we wrap up our #STRUGGLES teaching series, looking at how to find rest in our always-on world. Invite a friend to join you!

** Bible verses are from the New King James Versions (NKJV) or the New Living Translation (NLT) unless otherwise noted.*