

Truth and Dare!

2nd in a series of 6

Truth or Dare – Audio Clip in Worship PP

Welcome to TL Church and our second edition of Truth or Dare! I need a couple of brave souls! I need at least 2 volunteers that are 10 years old or older and I promise that... worst case scenario... I will only 'slightly' embarrass you... so come on up!

Truth questions: 1st Service Only:

1. What was your most embarrassing moment?
2. What is the greatest number of days that you have gone without showering?
3. If you suddenly acquired one million dollars... what would be your top three priorities in spending it?
4. What is the funniest thing that you have ever gotten in trouble for?
5. What do you think is your best feature?
6. If you woke up tomorrow morning and found that you were invisible... what is the first thing you would do?

Truth questions: 2nd Service Only:

1. Which animal best represents your personality and why?
2. Tell us your most annoying habit.
3. If you suddenly acquired one million dollars... what would be your top three priorities in spending it?
4. What is the funniest thing that you have ever gotten in trouble for?
5. What do you think is your best feature?
6. If you woke up tomorrow morning and found that you were invisible... what is the first thing you would do?

Dare Challenges: Either:

1. Wear this sticker on your back and you are not allowed to look at it until you drive out of the parking lot.
2. Sing a nursery rhyme.
3. Stand on your head.
4. Go out and hug a person in the congregation that you don't know.
5. Scream your loudest scream.
6. Try yodeling while the congregation counts to five.
7. Lick your elbow.
8. Walk the entire way around the auditorium with your eyes shut.

Alright... thanks for putting up with us this morning! Let's stand up and find some people we don't know very well and say good morning to them and remain standing for a time of worship through singing.

Offering: Laura Lee (PA I-pod)

Announcements & Bucket offering: Courtney

Slide #1 The Apostle Paul writes:

1 Timothy 3:14-15 Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that, if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

Notice that the Church is the 'pillar' and 'foundation' of the truth. The word pillar comes from an ancient Greek word that means a 'support' or to 'stiffen' up and the word foundation can be translated as 'ground' and it comes from a word that means 'immovable'.

Timberline's responsibility is to support or stiffen up the truth so that it becomes an immovable presence in our community... and because of this... we bring you this series of messages entitled ...

Slide #2 Truth and Dare!

These messages are not focused on wacky games or embarrassing moments... but rather zero in on relationships because our Clarian Call challenges us to 'Rebuild Relationships.

Our dare for last week was to...

Slide #3 Dare for the week: Resolve to be patient by refusing to say anything negative. If the temptation arises... choose to say nothing!

How did it go for you? Monday morning I was talking with Lisa over breakfast and before I knew it, I said something negative about someone, and I immediately thought... I have 6 more days to go!

Slide #4 Here is what Faith Bernard did to remind herself, she painted the word 'patience' on her fingernails... that was creative Faith!

The title of the message this morning is...

Slide #5 Love dares to be Kind!

Slide #6 Assumption: Once again I want to start with an assumption: All of us enjoy being around a kind person.

There would be no point in preaching this message if none of us appreciated kindness. However, even though all of us are attracted to kindness... some folks rarely display it...

in fact some people are the opposite... some people are just downright mean. Do you know anyone that like that?

So this morning in order for us to understand kindness, we need to take a look at what makes people mean? What is the root of meanness?

Roving Mic Response:

We threw this question around at our Creative Ministries Team several weeks ago and came up with the following thoughts.

Slide #7 The root of meanness:

- 1) Unresolved anger.
- 2) Lack of forgiveness.
- 3) Disappointment with self.

Slide #8 Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Slide #9 The definition of this Biblical word 'kind' means... To furnish what is needed or to be useful. See it's a relational thing.

Close your eyes for a moment... everybody... when you think of a kind person... who do you think of? Who's face comes to mind and why that person? How many of you have a person in mind, raise your hand? What do they do, or what do they say, or how do they act that convinces you... they are kind? Open your eyes.

Steven and Alex Kendrick in their book 'The Love Dare' write...

Slide #10 Kindness is love in action. If patience is how love reacts in order to minimize a negative circumstance, kindness is how love acts to maximize a positive circumstance.

Slide #11 Patience avoids a problem; kindness creates a blessing. Patience is preventive... kindness is proactive.

Slide #12 Love makes us kind. And kindness makes us likeable.

Steven and Alex Kendrick made an assumption that kindness makes us likeable and so they wrote a book called 'The Love Dare'.

Way back in 1970 Gen Campbell made a similar assumption and released a song that went right to the top of the charts. Go ahead and roll it!

Slide #13 Try A Little Kindness

Not bad for an old guy... not bad for country huh! But the song confirms the assumption.

Slide #14 If you see your brother standing by the road
With a heavy load from the seeds he's sowed
And if you see your sister falling by the way
Just stop and say "You're going the wrong way"

Slide #15 Don't walk around the down and out
Lend a helping hand instead of doubt
And the kindness that you show every day
Will help someone along their way

Slide #16 You got to try a little kindness,
yes show a little kindness
Just shine your light for everyone to see
And if you try a little kindness
then you'll overlook the blindness
Of narrow-minded people on the narrow-minded streets

Slide #17 Proverbs 3:3-4 NASB Do not let kindness and truth leave you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good repute In the sight of God and man.

So how do we make sure that kindness and truth don't leave us? Let's go to our notes.

Slide #18 Hanging on to kindness and truth:

1. Bind them around our necks.

I often hang this Jump Drive around my neck because I work between two computers. One day I was wearing it while I was in Zimmerman's hardware store and this lady started asking me questions about paint and I said, 'what?' And she repeated her question and I soon realized she thought I worked there. So I said, 'I don't work here'. And she said, 'what do you mean you don't work here?' And I said, 'I don't work here.' And she said, 'yes you do!' And I said, 'no I don't! She said, 'well then what's that thing hanging around your neck?' And I said, 'it's a Jump Drive'. And she said, 'are you sure you don't work here?' And I said, 'Yes, I'm sure I don't work her, maybe I can help you... but I really don't work here!'

Today we put all kinds of things around our necks... necklaces, key chains, jump drives, name tags, ID's etc. and we do this.... either to make a statement about who we are, or what we like, or for convenience sake.

The writer of Proverbs says, 'Do not let kindness and truth leave you; Bind them around your neck.' In other words... we need to live in such a way that kindness is outwardly

visible in our lives. We act out our kindness... in tangible visible ways... that others can see our kindness and so that we can personally be reminded... to be kind!

2. Write them on the tablets of our hearts.

This is the inward prompter that motivates the outward acts. It's the heart behind the act. It's the conditioning of our makeup that makes kindness come naturally because it has become a way of life. In other words, it comes from the heart. It is ingrained in who we are!

Think about that face or name that came to mind when you closed your eyes... my guess is... they are kind all the time... because that is who they are... it has been written on the tablets of their hearts... and it has shaped the way they act!

There are four basic core ingredients to kindness that make it possible for it to be written on our hearts. Without them... kindness will never happen! Let's go to our notes.

Slide #19 Core Ingredients of kindness:

1. Gentleness – Kindness is based on sensitivity and tenderness. It's going out of our way to never be harsh. If gentleness has not become a way of life... it will be difficult for us to be kind.

2. Helpfulness – Kindness is serving others without worrying about our rights. Kindness makes us curious to discover what others need and then motivates us to step in and meet those needs.... even at the expense of putting our own needs on hold.

3. Willingness – Kindness is inspired by a willingness to get involved. It's the ability to be stay flexible and allow margin to prevail when the opportunity to serve becomes available.

4. Initiative – Kindness thinks ahead and then takes the first step. It doesn't sit around waiting to be prompted or coerced. Kindness is willing to lay down the cell phone, disconnect from the book, log off 'face book' and get involved. Kindness doesn't require others to get their act together before showing them love. Kindness is seeing the need and then making the move.

Jesus gives us this great story to show us how to hang on to truth and kindness and this story so clearly shows the core ingredients of kindness.

Luke 10:25-37 The Good Samaritan.

Slide #20 Luke 10:36-37 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." **(Msg** The one who treated him kindly)...Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Here is what I want you to hang around your neck for this next week.

Slide #21 Dare for the week: Do at least one unexpected act of kindness!

Just for fun... you may want to do something for a stranger like:

Paying the meal or the toll of the car behind

But I really want to challenge you this morning to focus in on those you love... those you are in relationship with:

Do the dishes

Clean the house

Wash a car

Buy someone lunch or fill their tank with gas

Be creative... but do it! If you want a real challenge... do something every day!

Invite the Worship Team up:

Slide #22 Prayer & Reflection:

Prayer Team and Benediction: marlin

9:00Michele and Jeff 10:30 Elsie and BJ

Benediction:

Might we be merciful:

As we handle each other's thoughts,

As we are moved by injustice and hardship

As we listen to the voice of your Spirit

Might we bear the burden of sin with strength, Your strength.