NOTE FROM THE GMM "HUB"

Do the WORD Speak the TRUTH

John 17:15-21 records Jesus' prayers for <u>us</u>, and the Father WILL certainly answer it! We can rely on God's supernatural work for our sanctification to "**Do the WORD... Speak the TRUTH**," far exceeding our personal effort, wisdom, and circumstances!

John 17:17 is the core verse for GMM's 2022 theme:

"Sanctify them in the truth [set them apart for Your purposes, make them holy]; Your word is truth," (AMP).

If we are doing the WORD and sanctified in the TRUTH, we will speak truth even if it's unpopular, or contrary to our preferences and bias. Speaking unpopular truth looks to secular culture like other-worldliness, or worse. The Bible says we may expect condemnation and persecution.

This is hard, but God provides. Also, God's Mighty Men don't run solo. Jesus asks:

> "that they also may be one in Us, so that the world may believe [without any doubt] that You sent Me,.(John 17:21, AMP).

This promises a supernatural unity beyond human means. As has been said: everyone needs a Paul, a Barnabas, and a Timothy in life... a mentor, an encourager, and a man you're guiding; and usually more than one of each! We also gather with our churches to worship our Lord in Spirit and in TRUTH.

Sanctification in the truth is the work of the Holy Spirit, but it is not passive: we are reminded by to "be doers of the word, and not hearers only," (<u>James 1:22</u>). As we do, God increasingly transforms mind and desire to be God-righteous, not self-righteous. In humility before God—by His authority, not ours—we **do and speak the Word of Truth**: sharing the Good News, or boldly speaking truth to power and trusting God for the results.

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To God be the glory, forever!

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