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As usual, we start off by asking a very simple question:

Do you hunger for the truth?

I think we all do.

We don't want to be misled.

Some years ago, as I was travelling, some friends got a hold of me in great distress and confusion. They were upset that I had not reached out to them in my time of need—especially since I was so far away on vacation.

I had no idea what they were talking about.

Eventually, I found a landline and called them to ask, "Why are you so distressed? What's going on?"

"Well," they said, "we just got an email with your name on it saying you're in big, big trouble—and you need money to get back home, to get out of jail."

And I said, "Well, I'm not in jail. I'm having a vacation."

The one on the other end replied, "Oh. You've been hacked."

"Really?"

In confusion, I told him again—through the landline—that whatever "hacking" means, how could someone get into my email and pretend to be me? Putting out false information that I needed money?

Thank goodness, after all the confusion, no funds were sent, and none of them ended up in the hands of the impostor—or impostors—trying to portray me.

Have you, in this modern age, been unlucky enough to be hacked?

Personally speaking, it's not a good feeling. It's like someone has invaded your privacy.

It appears, dear friends in Christ, that the more advanced we get in technology, the more difficult it becomes to distinguish between the real and the fake... the honest one and the bad one trying to take advantage of us.

So again, I ask:
Are you hungry for the truth?

Jesus proclaimed that He is the way, the truth, and the life. You've heard this before.

It's not something we create, nor is it something for us to discover on our own. It is the gift of God—who is in possession of, and the giver of, all truth.

Jesus tells His disciples that it is the role of the Holy Spirit to reveal what is true, to reveal what is right, to reveal what is good.

So then—how can this be?

There are many skeptics out there, especially those skeptical about the truth itself. They don't want to believe in something absolute, something objective and unchanging. But that is exactly what God is.

In my research, I came across a quote I'd like to share with you:

"If truth is objective, then it must be asserted as a truth—and be submitted as authoritative and binding."

That is the truth that comes to us from the Holy Spirit.

Some fear the truth because they think it will inhibit their freedom—to act, to think, to judge as they wish. They want to be independent of what's happening around them.

For example—and I've said this before, and I will say it again—those who are pro-abortion on demand are deceiving themselves and not living the truth.

Jesus told His disciples, "The truth will set you free" (John 8). The truth liberates us from all that is false, misleading, doubtful, and deceptive.

Because those who lie will eventually be caught.
Those who speak the truth live free.
Those who lie are always piling one lie on top of another—until, at last, they're caught. And they should be.

Dear friends in Christ,
in God there is no lie. There is no falsehood.
He is the truth—the real truth.
He is also good and just.

God is the author and source of all that is true and good.

The closer we draw near to Him—to listen to His word and understand His mind—the more He will set us free. He will let us live in greater tranquility and peace, because He is the truth.

And the more we believe in Him, the more we rely on His truth—especially the truth revealed in the Gospels—the more we grow in the knowledge of God, in His grace, His love, His wisdom, and His plan for each of us.

Whenever you feel something isn't right, judge it carefully. Ask the Lord to guide you and reveal the truth—truth that comes from the Holy Spirit.

Not from what they call artificial intelligence. It's not a bad thing—really. But it has its limits.

The truth has its limits as well.
And it sets us free.

May you always be able to discern what is true and what is not.

Let me close with this beautiful prayer I came across—just for you:

"Lord Jesus,
fill me with your Holy Spirit
and guide me in your way
of life, truth, and goodness.
Free me from the ignorance of your truth
and from deception and moral blindness
caused by sinful pride
that refuses to believe and obey your word of truth.
May I love you with all my heart,
with all my mind, with all my strength,
and seek to please you
in all things and above all things."

Amen.