



**Sunday, April 11, 2021**

**Sermon Series: Reconnecting to Our True Identity in Christ**

**Sermon Title: *Don't Fake the Genuine***

**Text: Ephesians 4:25-32**

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Sermon Big Idea: A genuine believer will live now in ways that prepare them to be a treasured reflection of God's glory forever.

Four behaviors of genuine followers that reflect God:

- 1) Genuine believers value facts, not falsehoods. (Ephesians 4:25 / Zechariah 8:16 / John 8:44)
- 2) Genuine believers value peace, not payback. (Ephesians 4:26-27 / Joshua 1: 19-20)
- 3) Genuine believers value purpose, not pilfering. (Ephesians 4:28 / Titus 2:9-10)
- 4) Genuine believers value nourishing, not nay-saying.  
(Ephesians 4:29-32 / Luke 4:22)

Nourishing speech is good for building up.

Nourishing speech is appropriate.

Nourishing speech is gracious.

We are most genuinely Christ-like when we offer our gracious forgiveness to others because of Christ's transforming forgiveness of us.

### **Study/Application Questions and Actions:**

Can you think of some products that frequently imitate the real thing?

Some translations of John 8:44 read: "when Satan lies, he speaks his native language." How might it change your thinking to know any lies we tell are part of Satan's native language?

Although feeling anger against injustice can be a godly response, why do you think Paul says believers should not let the feeling of justified anger linger longer than one day?

What specifically would change about the way do your work if your first motivation was to produce more glory to God rather than a higher paycheck at work?

If the mind is the "factory" that produces the words that roll off the assembly line of our tongues, what could believers do to make sure our words are appropriate?

# SERMON NOTES



What I learned

Today's Bible Verse



My Prayer