

## Scripture and Scripture's reflection:

### **The Gospel of Truth 20:1-2, 6-8, 13-14, 18**

“This is the Word of the good news of the discovery of Fullness for those who await the salvation coming from above. Their hope, toward which they stretch, is stretching toward them—toward whose image is light with no shadow in it. ‘Hope’ is a thing that falls *and a thing easily* set up-right in the discovery of anyone who ‘seeks that to’ which he/she *wants* to return. For the return is called repentance. These who are in need, then, do not hide it—for one has what the other needs. So Fullness—which has no need—gives from itself to fill each person’s need so that she/he might receive grace. This is the discovery of the light of truth which rose upon one like this...that it is unchanging.”

### **James 1:17-26**

“Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down to you from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow. In fulfillment of God’s own purpose, God gave us birth by the word of truth (Jesus), so that we would become a kind of first fruits of God’s creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. Therefore, rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. Be those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act...they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in the distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.”

One: This is the way our story is told.

God speaks to us anew through ancient stories.

All: Thanks be to our God.

~Sharing and Caring~

### Remembering Who YOU Are!



We've been through so much! Look at this first photo and then the second... which lost speaks to you? What is the issue beneath the subject?

What might be the salve for your soul/antidote for what ails you....?



### Remembering Who WE Are...

Choose 5 words that describe your experience of church during the pandemic.

Find someone who has one of your words and share for one minute. Switch!

Name a favorite "church moment" that were life-giving and full of faithfulness:

Pre-Pandemic

Pandemic

Hoped for in the next year

Any surprises? What do you notice about your list?

### An Examen

Our shared time today has been as an examen...sleeping with bread.  
We examen a day, a season, a year, a situation...it's akin to doing "lectio" on life.

Here's a simple one easy to remember:

