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## COLOR ME TRUTH

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At some restaurants, if you come with children then the host will provide them an activity placemat with crayons. The crayon box usually contains 4 color choices to color the pictures and do the other activities. Some children have a favorite color and will use that color most often if it's in the pack. As their coloring skills improve the picture they color has great eye appeal. As a youth, my dad used to spend time working on oil paint by number projects. It would take several weeks to complete one canvas. When the project was finished it would look like a masterpiece and he would have it professionally framed and hang it in our home. You never knew by looking at it he only did the painting and not the actual drawing. I would do smaller oil paint by number projects because it was fun to see the results. There was a great sense of pride and accomplishment when you saw the finished product. Although the artist did the drawing, following the pattern by using the right color paint on each part produced a beautiful piece of art. People would visit us and comment on the beauty of the art on the wall. When told it was paint by number it surprised many.

When looking at the lives of Christians it may be good to realize the Lord is the artist who has us on his canvas. He intends to complete the drawing according to how He sees us. It is God's goal to finish us to be like Jesus. The expression 'beauty is in the eyes of the beholder', that's true. God beholds us as His work of beauty and one of the colors He paints with is **Truth**. God paints from the inside realizing it will be reflected on the outside. Psalm 51 discloses David's thinking as he comes clean about his heart. He admits he violated God when he murdered Uriah to cover up his act of adultery because Bathsheeba got pregnant. In the Message Bible Psalm 51:6 says, "What you're after is truth from the inside out. Enter me, then; conceive a new, true life." In my words David is saying, Lord, **color me truth**.

We all need to deal with **truth** on a daily basis. The hardest truth to face is often the truth about us. It is uncomfortable, sometimes embarrassing, and often distasteful. But David hits home when he tells the Lord to enter him. We must allow the Lord access to our heart so He can perform a paint job of truth in our daily lives. If He already lives in us, then we must accept the reality that a new life has been conceived and it's a 'true' life. When we operate in conflict to **truth** with God in us, we face inner turmoil. To enjoy peace within, we must let God paint us, and He will color us in **Truth**.

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