



Speaking the Truth, Even When it Hurts

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Hard, painful, life-changing truth.

"You are a thief and I will think of you as a thief and treat you like a thief until you prove otherwise!"

When the truth comes like a bucket of ice-cold water that wakes you up, startles you, and cleanses your soul!

When deceit meets truth-telling! Six-Scenes the Six-Characters in the Story..

Scene 1, Character 1... (1 Kings 21:1-3)

Naboth, a Portrait of [Integrity](#)

1 Kings 21:3

But Naboth replied, "The Lord forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my ancestors."

Scene 2, Character 2... (1 Kings 21:4-6)

Ahab, a Picture of [Self-Centered](#) Immaturity

1 Kings 21:4

So Ahab went home, sullen and angry because Naboth the Jezreelite had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my ancestors." He lay on his bed sulking and refused to eat.

Scene 3, Character 3... (1 Kings 21:7-16)

Jezebel, a Life of [Raw Evil](#)

1 Kings 21:7

Jezebel his wife said, "Is this how you act as king over Israel? Get up and eat! Cheer up. I'll get you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

Scene 4, Character 4... (1 Kings 21:17-20)

Yahweh, a Vision of Holy, [Piercing](#), Unrelenting [Truth](#)

1 Kings 21:19

Say to him, 'This is what the Lord says: Have you not murdered a man and seized his property?' Then say to him, 'This is what the Lord says: In the place where dogs licked up Naboth's blood, dogs will lick up your blood—yes, yours!'"

Scene 5, Character 5... (1 Kings 21:20-23)

Elijah, an Example of Speaking the [Truth](#) at Great [Risk](#)!

1 Kings 21:20

Ahab said to Elijah, "So you have found me, my enemy!" "I have found you," he answered, "because you have sold yourself to do evil in the eyes of the Lord."

Scene 6, Character 6... (Today and everyday thereafter...)

You, What Story Will You [Write](#) with [Your Life](#)?

Lessons in [Truth-Telling](#):

- Speaking the truth and living with integrity can be costly! (Naboth)
- When no one speaks the truth to you, bad habits lead to corrupt character. (Ahab)
- A deceitful and lie-filled life costs you and everyone around you (Jezebel)
- God's word is always truth and we need to hear it, (Yahweh)
- Speaking the truth is dangerous, but it honors God (when He is leading) (Elijah)
- I can grow in knowing, believing, receiving, and expressing the truth!