

**Here We Still Stand:  
Speaking the Truth in Love**

Exodus 20:16; Ephesians 4:15-32

*You shall not give false testimony  
against your neighbor. –Exodus 20:16*

*Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. . . .  
<sup>25</sup>Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. . . .  
<sup>29</sup>Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. –Ephesians 4:15, 25, 29*

➤ **The power of words**

(James 3:2-12; Proverbs 18:21)

➤ **Put off falsehood**

(verse 25, 29; Proverbs 6:16-19; John 8:44)

➤ **Speak truthfully** (verse 25; Proverbs 8:7)

➤ **Speak to build up and give grace** (verse 29)

➤ **Speak the truth in love**

(verse 15; 1 Corinthians 16:14)