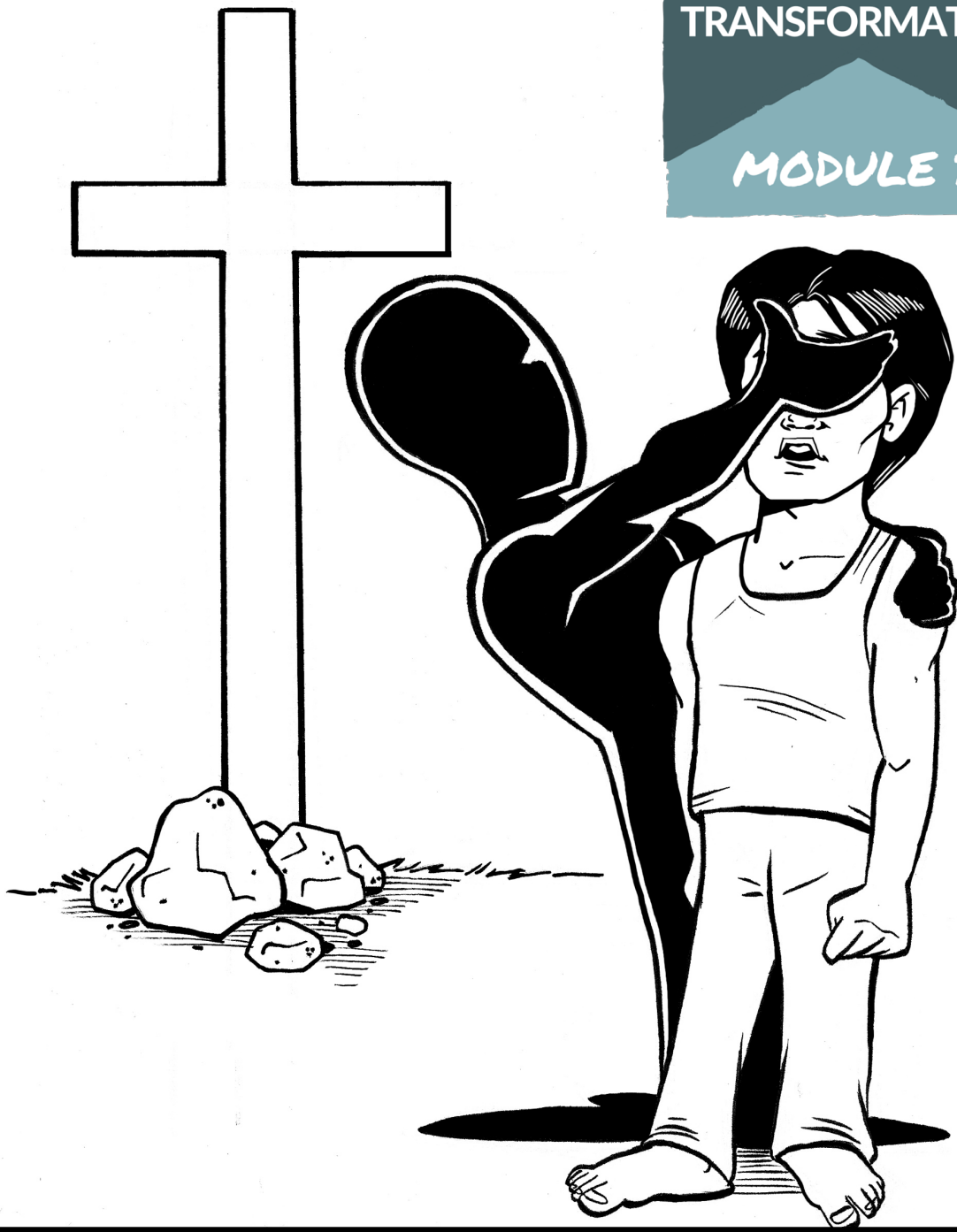


**TRUTH  
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TRANSFORMATION**

**MODULE 3**



**UNDERSTANDING  
GOD'S TRUTH & SATAN'S LIES  
STUDENT GUIDE**

# Lesson 1: God's Laws

## Read Deut. 30:11-20.

- How does God describe His laws? Are they difficult or easy?
- In verse 15 what are the options before us? What would you prefer?
- What brings life and blessing? (v.15-16)
- What brings death and curses? (v.17-18)
- What does God want us to choose? (v.19)

## Read Deut. 28:1-14.

- What happens if we obey God's laws?
- Are these promises for life after we die or for our lives on earth?

## Read Deut. 28:15-19.

- What happens when we do not obey God's laws?



# Lesson 3: We Can Bring Change

## Read Luke 7:11-17

8 things we can learn from this story about a person that brings change.

1. **Jesus noticed her.** There were many people in the crowd. Jesus' disciples were excited about the miracle they had just seen. However, Jesus noticed her in the middle of the crowd. If we are going to be people who bring change, we need to be people who notice others. We need to make sure we see individuals, not just a crowd.
2. **"His heart went out to her."** If we want to bring change, we need to feel compassion. We need to be people whose hearts break when we see the needs of others. So often we stop seeing and stop caring. What do we do when we see someone who is needy in our community? What do we do when we see a mother whose husband has left the family, or a grandparent left looking after young children? Do we feel compassion? Ask God to give you more love for your community. Ask Him to show you people in the community as He sees them.
3. **He offered words of encouragement.** Often people need someone to care for them and encourage them. It is easy to think we need resources to truly help people but often those who need help really need to have someone come alongside them and encourage them.
4. **Jesus touched the coffin.** When Jesus did this, He did something that was wrong in His culture. The Jews believed you should never touch a coffin, or you will be unclean. Jesus was willing to become unclean to help someone. We need to be willing to take risks and get dirty to help people. People may talk about us or disapprove but we need to do what God is calling us to do.
5. **There is power in the word of God and prayer.** When Jesus prayed the person was raised from the dead. Never forget to pray in the situations that you face. Take time to pray for people. Do so believing God really can change the situation and cares about all sorts of needs. Teach people to pray so they can also know God's power.
6. **There was a result.** The young man was raised from the dead. We should have results from our work. If you want to help, start with small things you can do easily. When you have success, people will be excited, and more people will be willing to get involved. Eventually you will be able to do more difficult things.
7. **God was glorified.** At the end, the glory should go back to God. Always make sure that when everything is finished God is the one that is being praised.

# Lesson 4: Matthew Bible Study

## Read Matthew 25:14-30

### Verses 16-18

- What did the servants do with their talents?
- Can you identify yourself with the servants using their talents or with the one that is hiding it?

### Verses 19-23

- What did the master do when he returned?
- What did he say to the ones who had multiplied their talents?

### Verses 24-28

- What was the problem of the servant who hid his talent?
- What did the master say to him?
- Why do you think many believers do not use their talents?
- What can we do?

# Lesson 4: Getting Past Our Excuses

## Common Excuses

**Old Person** *“Oh, I wish I were still a young man. Then I would have the energy to serve the Lord with my talents. Now I am too old and tired.”*

**Young Person** *“Oh, I wish I were older. Then I would have more influence and I could really lead people to serve the Lord with my talents. It’s too hard right now, because I’m so young.”*

**Business Person** *“Oh, I wish I had more time. I’m so busy with my work that I never have time to help others.”*

**Uneducated Person** *“Oh, I wish I were more educated. I don’t know anything about theology. Only the pastor can really help others because he went to Bible School and has training.”*

**Poor Person** *“Oh, I wish I had more money. Then I could really serve the Lord. I’m too poor right now to help anyone besides myself.”*

## Small Group Discussion

- Which of these excuses have you ever used?
- Which of these excuses do you often hear from others in your church?
- What was the excuse of the servant who hid his talent?
- Was this excuse acceptable to the master?
- Do you think our excuses are acceptable to God?
- What can we do to overcome these excuses?