

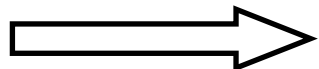
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The book of  
**AMOS**  
**SEEK THE LORD**  
**AND LIVE**

**The Blessing and Burden**  
**of Speaking the Truth**

**Amos 7:10-17**

- 1) We have a responsibility to proclaim the truth of God.
  - a) We are called to proclaim the Gospel to all the world.  
(Mark 16:15)
  - b) We are called to teach all God has commanded to the church.  
(Matthew 28:19-20)
  - c) We are called to stand for Jesus and his words before everyone.  
(Luke 9:26)



## **How can we follow Amos' example in proclaiming the truth of God rather than Amaziah's example?**

- 2) We submit to the authority of God.
- 3) We conform to the truth of God.

Matthew 16:24 ... *"Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."*

## **What should we do when the burdens of speaking the truth seem greater than the blessings?**

- 4) Remember the promises of God.
- 5) Remember it is God they are rejecting.
- 6) Remember the cross.

Hebrews 12:1–3 ... *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted."*

## **Memory Verse for October**

*"And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul?'"*

**Mark 8:34–37**