



We Say the Hard Things by Leigh Ann Salazar

As we talk about our Lighthouse Culture, are you seeing how they are connected to each other? Especially our first two values, The Bible Is Everything & The Spirit Takes the Lead! If we were to toss those two out, we would not have a nice framework for We Say the Hard Things, would we?

Imagine saying all the hard things without the Word of God to guide or Holy Spirit to lead!

- Do you believe we could stand on this value without them?
- Do you think that saying hard things would land the same way without them?
- Can you recall a time that someone spoke to you some truth, but it hurt you deeply because of how it was delivered?

Ephesians 4:14-15 gives us a valuable guide in saying, "that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,¹⁵ but, speaking the **truth in love**, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ."

- What is an example of speaking truth in love?
- Can you think of a time that someone spoke to you in love about something hard you needed to hear and it was a blessing to you, eventually?

Read Galatians 5:22-23 & 1 Corinthians 13:2-8 together.

- Which part of these texts is more of a struggle for you?
- In considering your personality, is speaking the truth in love difficult or natural for you?
- Do you see areas in your life that need growth?

Closing Thoughts/Questions

We Say The Hard Things is a value that we must walk out in love & in leading of Holy Spirit. Let us remember that it is not a license to offend others with our opinions.

- A good thing to live by is asking yourself "am I filtering my thoughts & actions through the Word?"
- Am I remaining teachable in my life?

