

Grace and Truth

4 characters – ‘Grace’, ‘Truth’, Mediator, Teddy Bear.

Teddy Bear placed on a chair with an empty wine bottle next to him, and a blood graze on his head, seemingly unconscious.

Grace and Truth introduce themselves to the congregation.

G: Hi, I’m Grace.

T: And I’m Truth.

Grace sees the Teddy.

G: Aaaw, look at Teddy. He looks in a bad way. Let’s help him.

T: Hah! No way! Look at the empty wine bottle. He’s drunk himself unconscious. Just let him be. He’s getting what he deserves.

G: He’s gashed his head; he’s bleeding badly. Oh, poor Teddy!

T: Well he shouldn’t be drinking like that should he? He’s brought this on himself.

G: Teddy, Teddy, are you ok? I’ll just clean your wound and bandage you. *(Cleans and bandages)*

T: Why are you doing that? He’ll just go and get drunk again, and hurt himself again.

G: Why do you blame him? Teddy has a good heart. Life has just knocked him around a lot. His teddy wife left him for another teddy; he hasn’t seen his teddy children for several years, and this is the only way he’s been able to deal with the deep emotional pain wrenching his poor little body.

T: Oh, this is just too much Grace. I feel like I want to vomit. Teddy, stop wallowing in self pity. Stop moaning and groaning about your life. Repent of this rotten behaviour, turn back to God before it’s too late, and pull yourself together. Other people can do it. You’re just taking the easy way out. You’re just being pathetic, weak, and irresponsible.

G: Truth, you are just so harsh.

T: Yeah, well Grace, you are just so soppy.

Mediator: Truth and Grace, I have been observing you for a while and I know what your problem is.

T: Good, please sort Grace out. I can tell you, she’s really getting in my way.

G: Truth, you poor thing, you really do need help. If you can help Truth that would be great. I just want us to be able to spread love in the world.

Mediator: Truth and Grace, you are acting in opposition to each other, and that just will not work. Grace, when you operate without Truth, you turn soppy, fluffy, wishy washy, and actually, you cease to be grace because the core of grace is the truth about Jesus Christ, Lord and Saviour. Truth, when you operate without Grace you become harsh, legalistic, judgmental and, you cease being Truth because the core of truth, is the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. You two just simply can’t operate independently of each other. Truth, you cannot be Truth without Grace. Grace, you cannot be Grace without Truth. Jesus came full of grace and truth. You cannot break apart from each other. You can only do your thing together; your voices blended together as one voice. Have you got that? Now, I want to see you attending to Teddy together, as one. Ok? *(walks away)*

Truth and Grace link arms, and approach Teddy.

G: Aww Teddy, you look terrible. You're really having a hard time of it aren't you? Our hearts go out to you in your pain and suffering.

T: We really want to help you Teddy. You know this alcohol is killing you, that's the truth isn't it? Only Jesus can bring you the comfort you're are looking for.

G: His arms are open wide to receive you into his arms, just as you are. So come to Jesus, Teddy, in faith and repentance, and your life will change forever.

T: That's how good God is. It won't be easy for you Teddy. There's a lot of pain and sin to face here. But God can and will bring you into a new life if you reach out to him.

Both turn and face the congregation.

G: Teddy says he wants to hear more about Jesus.

T: He says he wants to face his issues.

Truth and Grace hug.