

## **SPEAK THE TRUTH - - -**

These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another, render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace, do not devise evil in your hearts against one another.

Zechariah 8:16 - 17

When I am tempted to strike out in frustration, anger, or revenge at those around me, Lord, remind me that doing so will only perpetuate the very attitudes and actions I try hard to discourage in those who look to me for guidance. In those emotion-filled moments, I need your strength to back away from the fight. I need your wisdom to keep my mouth from speaking words I will later regret. I need your perspective to see others as people, who like me, need mercy. Bring your peace into my encounters with others. Show me how to maintain that peace no matter how another person may choose to behave toward me. Amen.