



Part One: Jesus and Cancel Culture // Jeff Brodie // March 14th, 2021

It seems like our culture is growing increasingly frustrated, contentious, and hostile. Social media is always ready to pounce on its next victim. If you are honest, under the pressure of our world, you've privately torn down, gossiped about, ghosted, or blamed someone this year. Culture can tell you it's okay to hurt someone--even cancel them--in the name of truth. Jesus has a radically different view of how you can approach your life. A way of living so freely that it's worth cancelling your membership in today's polarized culture.

Scripture: [John 1:9-14 NIV](#); [Colossians 2:13-14 NLT](#)

Bottom Line: Truth is most powerful when it is filled with grace.
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Getting Started:

1. "Cancel culture" can be a suitcase term that is hard to define. When you think of cancel culture, what comes to mind?
2. Do you believe there are good reasons for boycotting or cancelling people or organizations? How about bad reasons?
3. Jeff shared that one person's cancel culture is another person's "holding accountable." Would you agree or disagree?

Jumping In:

4. Jeff explained that one of our challenges today in Western society is that our access to power, judgement, and influence is faster than our access to knowledge or relationship. What does this mean? Do you see this in the world around you?
5. It seems in our culture that there are many people trying to help us grow our audience, but not as many people teaching us how to use our voice. Where did you learn how to use, or not use, your voice?
6. When you look at your life as a platform or ministry, who are the people in your circle of influence both in-person and online?

Discuss:

7. Read [John 1:9-14](#). In this passage, we see a glimpse of Jesus' arrival on earth. What strikes you about this passage?
8. These verses share that Jesus was 100% grace and 100% truth at the same time. Would you call yourself more of a grace person or a truth person? What challenges you about this?
9. When you think about a life that is only truth, or a life that is only grace, what is the downfall?
10. What does accountability, integrity, forgiveness, or redemption look like for a person who is all grace and all truth at the same time?
11. [Colossians 2:13-14](#) is a picture of the cross--a moment that is all grace and all truth. What is scandalous about Jesus' death on the cross to cancel our debt of sin? How can this ground you as you look to live your life full of grace and truth?

Moving Forward:

Moving towards grace when you are a "truth person" is hard. Moving towards truth when you are a "grace person" is also hard. This week, make the effort to do the hard thing. If you are a "truth person," think about practical ways you can step into more grace. If you are a "grace person," think about practical ways you can step into more truth. Pursue Jesus' example of being a combination of 100% grace and 100% truth.