

Why We Speak

Ephesians 4:14–16

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A dramatic scene of a small, weathered wooden boat navigating through a turbulent, dark blue sea. The boat is positioned in the lower-left foreground, moving towards the horizon. The water is choppy with white foam from the boat's wake. In the background, a bright, low sun is setting or rising, creating a golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, orange-tinted clouds. The overall mood is one of resilience and journey.

Ephesians 4:14-16

14 Then we will no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, by human cunning with cleverness in the techniques of deceit.

15 But speaking the truth in love,
let us grow in every way into him
who is the head—Christ.

16 From him the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the growth of the body for building itself up in love by the proper working of each individual part.



SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE

Ephesians 4:15

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32 You will know the truth,
and the truth will set you
free."

6 I am the way, the truth,
and the life. No one comes
to the Father except
through me.

17 Sanctify them by the
truth; your word is truth.



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The Picture of Immaturity

Ephesians 4:14



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_____ **by every wind of**
teaching, by human cunning with cleverness in the techniques of deceit.

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A small wooden boat is shown from a high angle, floating on a sea with small, choppy waves. The boat is positioned in the lower-left quadrant of the frame. Inside the boat, there is a single yellow life preserver. The horizon is visible in the distance, where the sun is setting, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that reflects on the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, and the overall color palette is dominated by the blues of the sea and the oranges and yellows of the sunset.

Every Wind of Teaching

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with cleverness in the
_____ of deceit.

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techniques of deceit.

A small, weathered wooden boat is shown from a high angle, navigating through a turbulent sea with white-capped waves. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, orange glow that reflects on the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds. The overall mood is one of struggle and resilience.

**This is the Description of
Immaturity**

Speaking the Truth in Love

Ephesians 4:15



15 _____ speaking the truth in
love, ...

15 But speaking the truth in
love, ...

15 But **speaking the _____ in
love, ...**

15 But **speaking the truth in
love, ...**

15 But speaking the **truth in** _____, let us grow in every way into him who is the head—Christ.

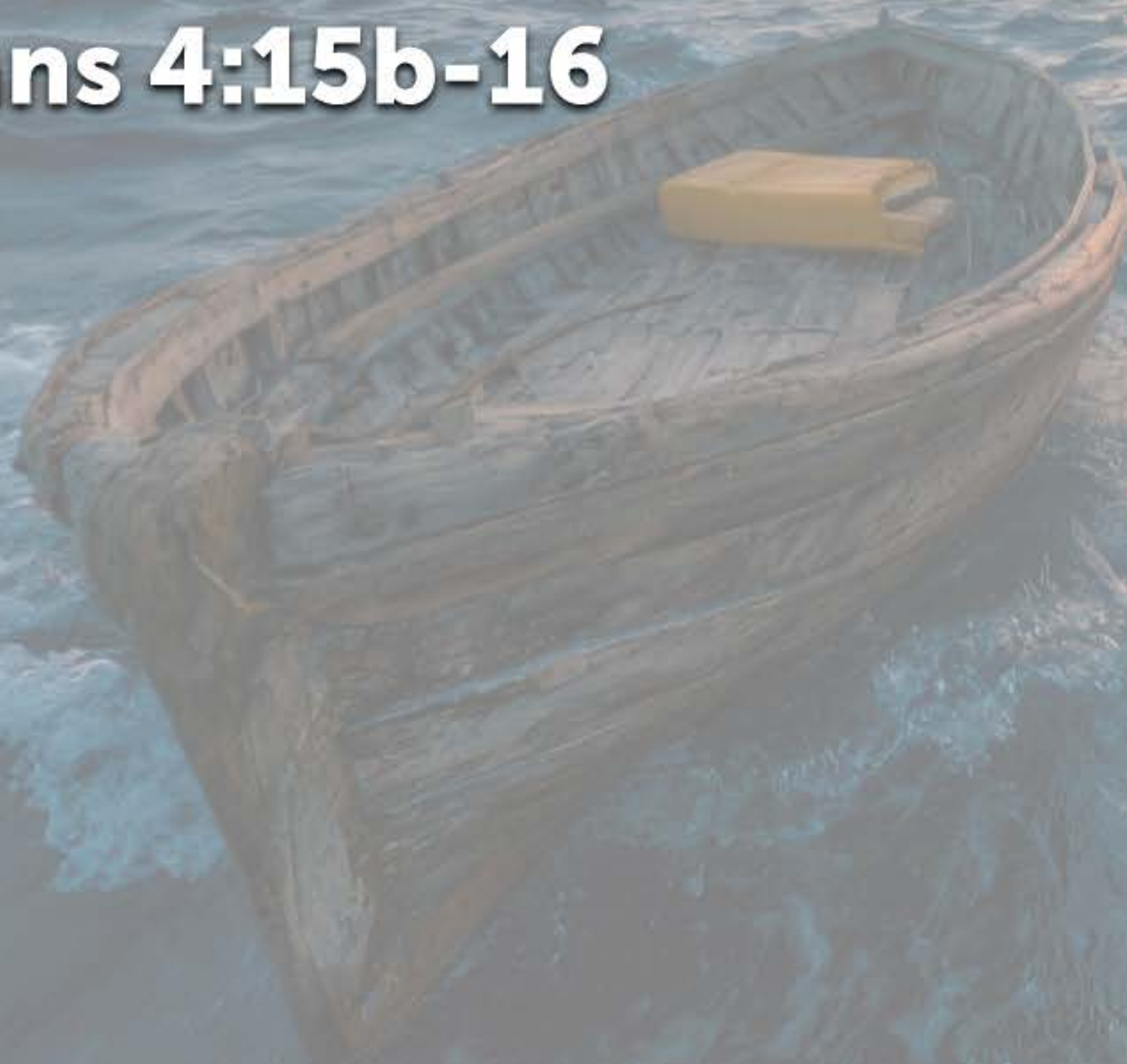
15 But speaking the **truth in love**, let us grow in every way into him who is the head—Christ.

15 But speaking the truth in love, **let us grow in every way** _____ who is the head—Christ.

15 But speaking the truth in love, **let us grow in every way into him** who is the head—Christ.

What Grows from It?

Ephesians 4:15b-16



15 But speaking the truth in love,
let us _____ in every way into him
who is the head—Christ.

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16 From him the whole body, _____
_____ by **every**
supporting _____, promotes the
growth of the body for building
itself up in love **by the proper**
_____ **of each individual part.**

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As We Close...



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