Palmetto Baptist Church – *March 4, 2012* Tell the Truth – *Matthew 5:33-37*

Inside the Text

I. God wants you to tell the truth. (33)

- A. Guard your words. (33a)
- B. Guide your actions. (33b)

II. God wants you to think before you speak. (34-37)

- A. God is the creator and sustainer of all. (34-35)
- B. God controls the aging process. (36)
- C. God wants simple and humble communication. (37)

Apply the Text

- Speak the truth in love. (Eph 4:15)
- Avoid profanity and obscene talk. (Ephesians 4:29; Col 3:8)
- Do not conceal or exaggerate the truth. (Acts 5:1-6; Col 3:9-10)
- Count the cost before making a promise. (Luke 14:25-33)
- Humbly trust God with the outcome.(Daniel 3:16-18; Matt 6:33)