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“Love rejoices with the truth.”
1 Corinthians 13:6 (New International Version)

“Speak the truth in a spirit of love.”
Ephesians 4:15 (Good News)

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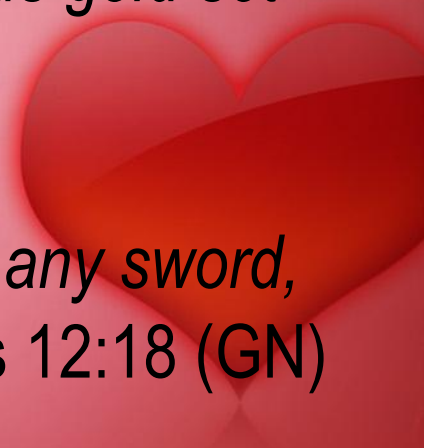
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"I am writing these things not to shame you, but to warn you as my beloved children." 1 Corinthians 4:14 (NIV)



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