

Truth Be Told

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**Lie number 1: you're supposed to have it all together
And when they ask how you're doing
Just smile and tell them, "Never better"**

**Lie number 2: everybody's life is perfect except yours
So keep your messes and your wounds
And your secrets safe with you behind closed doors**



**Truth be told
The truth is rarely told**

**There's a sign on the door, says, "Come as you are"
but I doubt it, 'Cause if we lived like it was true,
every Sunday morning pew would be crowded
But didn't you say the church should look more
like a hospital
A safe place for the sick, the sinner, and the scarred,
and the prodigals, like me**

**Can I really stand here unashamed
Knowin' that your love for me won't change?
Oh God if that's really true, Then let the truth be told**

(Romans 5:8) But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

(Titus 3:4–5a) But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, {5} he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy...

(John 13:34–35) “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. {35} By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

(1 Peter 4:8) Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

(1 Corinthians 13:4–7) Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. {5} It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. {6} Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. {7} It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

(James 5:13–16a) Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. {14} Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. {15} And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. {16} Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed...

**I say I'm fine, yeah I'm fine oh I'm fine, hey I'm fine
but I'm not, I'm broken
And when it's out of control I say it's under control
but it's not, and you know it
I don't know why it's so hard to admit it
When being honest is the only way to fix it
There's no failure, no fall,
There's no sin you don't already know
So let the truth be told**

(Proverbs 28:13) He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

(Psalm 139:1–2) O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. {2} You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

(Psalm 69:5) You know my folly, O God; my guilt is not hidden from you.

(Ephesians 2:1, 4–7) As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins... {4} But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, {5} made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. {6} And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, {7} in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

(Romans 8:1–2) Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, {2} because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

(John 8:36) So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.