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FROM  
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Dear Friend,

Please find below a reflection to encourage you in your work of Christian education. We will send these out weekly and hope that these thoughts feed your soul.

The first series is based on CS Lewis' "Mere Christianity", and is therefore called "Mere Christian Education" by Dr Stephen Fyson.

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*In Grace and Truth,  
Dr Ted Boyce.*

Series 1:

# MERE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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# COMFORT AND TRUTH



Have you ever been accused of being too soft after making a discipline decision? If you have, then chances are that you have also been accused of being too harsh after making a discipline decision. To which school leaders are tempted to say: *Welcome to leadership.*

This uncertainty about what is right and wrong with reference to the difficulties of life, is because we struggle with knowing the mind of God. Of course, our affections sometimes are in line with discerning God's will, and sometimes not. That is why we are encouraged to 'put off' and 'put on' various habits of the heart.

CS Lewis presented this reflection on the struggle between seeking comfort (what our generation would call 'feeling good') while trying to be faithful to the truth:

*If you look for truth, you may find comfort in the end; if you look for comfort, you will not get either comfort or truth – only soft and wishful thinking to begin with, and in the end, despair. (37-38)*

So this week, we can be on the lookout for those who are critical, because they

are first of all comfort-seekers. And whilst doing so, let us remember that Jesus came in Grace *and* Truth. This reminds us of this good prayer to have on our lips when we enter any discipline situation:

*Dear God, please allow your grace to be shown while we discern your truth today. Amen*

Grace and peace,

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