

What is truth? If we could establish what truth is we could better understand what a **true journey** is. Those 2 words were what a man told me he would describe the Bible with. This man had many experiences in his life that brought him to this conclusion.

It's quite interesting to find out how he viewed his journey. He seemed to accept a lot of what had happened to him as his doing. He didn't blame anyone. He was very practical, almost completely black and white in his objectivity. But there was some grey in his story. If we're honest with ourselves we would admit that we've all got some grey areas in our lives.

Before I share what his grey looked like, I'd like to relate some grey I used to live in.

I've been sober for a little over 12 years now. The 10 years prior to that were spent drinking a lot of alcohol. I am a recovering alcoholic. I can relate to anyone who says that they like to drink. For me, it was always whatever the highest alcohol content was ... that'd be my choice. In those days I used to say that when we got to the great wedding feast of the Lamb I didn't want to drink from the fruit of the vine. No, I'd rather have an 8-point black IPA please! (Ironically my favorite IPA was called "Sublimely Self Righteous.") If I would have heard Micah's following

prophecy, I would have definitely said,
“Amen to that!”

“Suppose a prophet full of lies would say to you ... ‘I’ll preach to you the joys of wine and alcohol!’ ‘That’s just the kind of prophet you would like!’”

Micah 2:11 NLT

So, when I write about someone else’s grey please understand that I am the pot calling the kettle black. I’ve been really, really grey with the truth at different times in my life.

This man’s grey, or I’ll describe it another way ... his blind spot, seemed to me to be his drinking.

“I like to drink beer” he said.

“I can drink 18 beers in an evening, wake up the next morning and go to work no problem.” I’m guessing those aren’t 8 point black IPA’s. But still, that’s a lot! He followed that with a very interesting statement:

“At least I’m not drinking a case.”

He went on to talk about how he lives alone and doesn’t see his family much. He said he really doesn’t need much to be happy in life. I wondered if he was really happy. I knew what it felt like to live in that kind of grey.

What did Jesus say about being happy?

“God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.”

Matthew 5:3 NLT

From one poor man to another, let the truth of those words sink into your heart.