

AROUND THE DINNER TABLE

July 3: 2 John

2 John reminds us to walk in truth and love as we are faced with deceivers.

Describe a time in life when you spoke to someone with truth but was lacking the love aspect. Now describe an instance when you were loving but neglected to speak the truth when you should have.

In which aspect (truth or love) do you find more difficult?

Read aloud 2 Timothy 2:22-26

What are some of the qualities described in this passage of 2 Timothy that stick out to you as being helpful in speaking the truth in love?

Take a moment to pray about an area of your life where you are struggling to speak truth, or to be loving – ask for discernment from the Holy Spirit to guide you whenever you engage in conflict.

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Adapted from Rachel Jones' *5 Things to Pray* series.

Heavenly Father, when I am weary, help me to **BE STRONG**

Read Titus 2:12

Often the ungodly things we say are out of our mouths before we even thought about them. Pray that God would transform your heart so that it grows in self-control, and ultimately, love. Pray that your instinctive reactions would increasingly come from a place of love that is upright and godly.

NEXT STEPS

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LOVE PEOPLE,
SHARE CHRIST... *more*

July 3, 2022

SERMON PASSAGE

2 John (ESV)

¹The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all who know the truth, ²because of the truth that abides in us and will be with us forever:

³Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.

⁴I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father. ⁵And now I ask you, dear lady—not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another. ⁶And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it. ⁷For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist. ⁸Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward. ⁹Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, ¹¹for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works.

¹²Though I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink. Instead I hope to come to you and talk face to face, so that our joy may be complete.

¹³The children of your elect sister greet you.

SERMON NOTES

July 3, 2022: Jaydon Hill

Passage: 2 John

Sermon Series:

Long Story Short: A Look at Five Chapter-less Books

Sermon Notes

FURTHER STUDY THIS WEEK

TAKING A CLOSER LOOK

Whether you are meeting with someone this week or you are getting into the Word on your own, we encourage you to work through these questions as you take a deeper look at the sermon passage from this week, or as you dig deeper into the "Read the Bible in Two Years" reading plan that we are currently working through as a church.



1. What are 1-2 things that "shine" from this passage? Whatever impacts the most or draws attention.



2. What are 1-2 things that are difficult to understand in the text, or a question that you would like to ask the writer of the passage or the Lord?



3. What is the central idea of the passage?



4. What are 1-2 personal applications for your own life?



5. With a friend: Find out what is going on in each other's lives. What has been their greatest joy this week? Greatest challenge this week and how they've handled it? What is one area each of you could pray about for each other as it relates to growing with your relationship with the Lord, a spouse, child or friend?

July Memory Verse

1 Corinthians 13:1

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.