WE ARE FAMILY

Stay in the Light

3 Letters From John – June 1, 2025

KEY SCRIPTURES

1 John 2:7–14; John 11:9–10; Leviticus 19:17–18; Isaiah 43:25; Psalm 119:9–11; Jeremiah 9:23–24; 1 Peter 2:24

KEY POINTS

- True believers are children of God, not merely creations of God. Identity in Christ begins with adoption through faith.
- Hatred toward a fellow believer reveals spiritual blindness & hinders fellowship with God.
- Walking in the light means loving one another, staying free from darkness, and recognizing the cost of unforgiveness.
- Every believer is part of a spiritual family—children, young adults, and spiritual mothers/fathers—each playing a vital role.
- God's Word brings clarity, strength, and the power to overcome sin and darkness.
- Forgiveness is both personal and communal; remembering we've been forgiven helps us extend grace to others.
- Discipleship happens generationally: young believers need older mentors, and seasoned believers find renewed purpose in guiding others.

DISCUSSION

- How does seeing the church as a spiritual family challenge or encourage you?
- Why does harboring hate or grudges make it harder to walk in the light?
- What does it look like to forgive someone but still remember what happened?
- Who has helped you grow in your faith—and who might God be calling you to invest in?
- Which stage of spiritual growth best describes you right now—child, young adult, or mother/father in the faith?

APPLICATION

- **Identify Darkness:** Ask the Holy Spirit to show you any hidden resentment, contempt, or relational distance—and confess it.
- **Pursue Reconciliation:** Reach out to someone you've distanced from and ask for forgiveness or offer grace where needed.
- **Find a Mentor (or Be One):** Whether you're a newer believer or a seasoned disciple, ask God to show you who you should walk with.
- **Engage the Word:** Begin or renew a habit of reading Scripture daily—ask God to strengthen and guide you through His truth.
- **Celebrate Forgiveness:** Reflect on Isaiah 43:25 and thank God that He chooses not to remember your sin. Let this truth soften your heart.