## Stay Connected...To God, to His Spirit & His Word, and to People in the Church & Community

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<u>Truth</u>: Staying connected to God means abiding in Him so that He can direct your life and use you to influence others for His Kingdom.

## Stay Connected...

- Stay connected to God through prayer and worship.
  - To abide in His love, 3:17b-18
  - To be led by the Holy Spirit who convicts us of sin and leads us to walk in righteousness, 3:20-21
  - o To keep God's commandments and do what pleases Him, 3:22
- Stay connected to the Holy Spirit and God's Word to grow spiritually and to be a godly influence for Christ, 5:1-5
- Stay connected to people in the church and community through building relationships and ministry.
  - We need the church to know and live according to the truth, 2:20-24
  - We need to build relationships with people who need Christ so we can share truth, 4:13-15

## **BOTTOM LINE**

We know that 2024 will be a year of turmoil and we must be ready to live and share truth as we stay connected to God, His Spirit and His Word, and stay connected to the church and the community.