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## *1 John 2:3-11*

**3** We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. **4** Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. **5** But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: **6** Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

**7** Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. **8** Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

**9** Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. **10** Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. **11** But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

## QUESTION:

## **What does the life of a disciple of Jesus look like? How do true disciples live?**

## ***KEY IDEAS:***

## **1. We build our lives on Jesus' teaching.**

*Obedience is the fruit of faith.*

**2. We aren't merely called to believe in Jesus; we are called to become like Jesus.**

*We are living statues who imitate Jesus' life.*

**3. We resist the pull to hate and strive to love.**  
*Love for God and hatred for others are like light and dark—the two cannot coexist.*

## *APPLICATION:*