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## 1 John 2:3-11

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

<sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. <sup>10</sup> Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. <sup>11</sup> 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:

- We build our lives on Jesus’ teaching.**  
*Obedience is the fruit of faith.*
- We aren’t merely called to believe in Jesus; we are called to become like Jesus.**  
*We are living statues who imitate Jesus’ life.*
- 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:

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