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### KEY IDEAS:

1. **When you see a fellow disciple sin, respond with prayer, not judgement.** God calls us to care deeply about the spiritual well-being of our brothers and sisters.
2. **Stay anchored in what is true about Jesus so you are not shaken by deception.** Cling to what God has made known.
3. **Resist idolatry:** Reject counterfeit gods that promise life but cannot deliver; worship the true God who actually offers abundant life in Jesus.

### APPLICATION:

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## 1 John 5:13-21

- <sup>13</sup> I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.
- <sup>14</sup> This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. <sup>15</sup> And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.
- <sup>16</sup> If you see any brother or sister commit a sin that does not lead to death, you should pray and God will give them life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that you should pray about that. <sup>17</sup> All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death.
- <sup>18</sup> We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them. <sup>19</sup> We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. <sup>20</sup> We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.
- <sup>21</sup> Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.

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