

**THE TRUTH ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS THAT LAST**  
**1 John 2:7-11**

**1. They are built on God's love**

*Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. (7)*

**2. They model Christ's example**

*At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you... (8)*

**3. They grow together in faith**

*...because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. (8)*

**4. They seek reconciliation**

*Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. (9)*

**5. They lift each other up**

*Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. (10)*

**6. They follow God's Word**

*But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. (11)*