





No Greater Joy

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For I was very glad when brethren came and testified to your truth, that is, how you are walking in truth. I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth. (3 John 3-4)



Walking in the Truth

A consistent walk, step by step

- *for we walk by faith, not by sight— (2 Cor 5:7)*
- *But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. (Gal 5:16)*



Walking in the Truth

In the light

- *If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. (1 Jn 1:6-7)*
- *Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life." (Jn 8:12)*



My Children

Sacrificial love

- *We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. (1 Jn 3:16)*
- *My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you—but I could wish to be present with you now and to change my tone, for I am perplexed about you. (Gal 4:19-20)*



My Children

Very dear to us

- *Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us. (1 Thess 2:8)*
- *To Timothy, my beloved son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience the way my forefathers did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day, longing to see you, even as I recall your tears, so that I may be filled with joy. (2 Tim 1:2-4)*



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The joy of multiplication

- *Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ. (1 Cor 11:1)*
- *The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. (2 Tim 2:2)*



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The joy of lasting fruit

- *“You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you. (Jn 15:16)*
- *For who is our hope or joy or crown of exultation? Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming? (1 Thess 2:19)*



Expectations

- **Discipleship produces changed lives**
- **Discipleship enables meaningful relationships**
- **Discipleship brings great joy**



Next Steps

- Prayer- ask God to direct your personal strategy.
- Say “yes” - commit to opportunities as they arise.
- Take the initiative- don't wait to be invited.