



## Walking the Line

### Letters from John // Week 3

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#### Overview

John reminds us that followers of Jesus live in the tension of two truths: we are sinners in need of God's grace, and we are called to pursue righteousness as children of God. Through the power of the Holy Spirit living within us, we are no longer defined by patterns of sin but are continually being transformed into the likeness of Christ. The tension isn't something to resolve, it is something to walk in as we rely on God's Spirit to guide us and His grace to sustain us.

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#### Opening Conversation

If you could instantly become an expert at any hobby, sport, or skill without having to practice, what would it be?

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#### Scripture & Discussion

##### Read 1 John 3:1

- What stands out to you about the way God views His children in this verse?
- How does remembering your identity as God's child affect the way you respond when you fail or fall short?

##### Read 1 John 3:4-10

- John contrasts those who "practice sin" with those who "practice righteousness." What do you think he means by the word *practice*?
- Why is it important to understand the difference between struggling with sin and becoming comfortable with a pattern of sin?
- What does this passage teach us about the transforming work of Christ in a believer's life?

##### Read 1 John 3:24 (NLT)

- According to this verse, how can we know that God lives in us?
  - How have you experienced the Holy Spirit's conviction, guidance, or encouragement in your walk with Christ?
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#### Application

This week, ask God to reveal if there is an area where you've become too comfortable with sin or an area where you've been striving to earn His approval. Take one intentional step toward Him and begin working on breaking these patterns.

**Scripture to Reflect On This Week:**

*"See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!" — 1 John 3:1*

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**Closing Prayer**

Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us and calling us Your children. Help us to walk in the tension of grace and truth, relying on Your Spirit to guide us and transform us each day. Give us the courage to turn from sin, rest in Your love, and follow You more closely this week. Amen.

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**Upcoming Events:**

- June 3 – First Wednesday Prayer, 7:30am
- June 7 – Welcome to the X, 10:45am
- June 9 – Kids Night Live
- June 16 – XCO Night

**Resources:**

- To request prayer: <https://thexchurch.churchcenter.com/people/forms/13150>
- To meet with a Pastor: <https://thexchurch.churchcenter.com/people/forms/534644>
- Financial Assistance, Sobriety Resources, grief support, and more: <https://thex.church/care/>

**X Church Podcast:** [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8rUS49luWYwojA6eKIA\\_VuAO592ZYQgd](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8rUS49luWYwojA6eKIA_VuAO592ZYQgd)