



Going Deeper into “Abiding Strength” – 1 John 2:12-23

In 1 John 2:12-23, John states several times that he is not writing to tell his audience something they don’t know, but to remind them of something they already know.

Samuel Johnson is quoted as saying, “People need to be reminded more often than they need to be instructed.” Why do you think Christians need to be reminded of their standing and faith in Jesus?

Describe the kind of times in your life when your focus is distracted from Jesus and you need to be reminded of the things you already know.

How has being reminded of your standing in Jesus strengthened you to overcome a difficult time in your life of faith?

Focus on the difference between yearning for things that do not last and those that do.

In 1 John 2:15-17, John cautions against loving the world. Yet, in John 3:16, he says that “God so loved the world...”

What is the difference between the world that God loves and the world that we should not love?

What worldly desires do you find particularly enticing to you?

How do you see the love of the Father countering the allure of these things of the world?

Pastor David said that worldly desires fail us as we live. How have you seen this in your life, and how have you seen God’s love help you to endure?

Please pray: Heavenly Father, You have anointed me with the indwelling presence of Your Holy Spirit and have given me Your love. Help me to remember what you have done for me when I face temptations and the allure of the world. Sustain me with your grace and keep my focus on the work You have done through Jesus Christ. Amen.