

## 1 John 1:1-4 “I Want to Live Again!”

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. John 10:10 NASB

### 1. We Give, We Share. 1:3

A. What or who do you give your time and resources to? what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. 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 John 1:3, 6-7 NASB

B. Relationships shape our behavior.

### 2. The Seriousness of Relationships

A. Hate=murder

The one who says he is in the Light and yet hates his brother is in the darkness until now. The one who loves his brother abides in the Light and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But the one who 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. 1 John 2:9-11 NASB

For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another; not as Cain, who was of the evil one and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother's were righteous. Do not be surprised, brethren, if the world hates you. We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we

ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth. 1 John 3:11-18 NASB

B. Relationship flows from God's Love for us

We love, because He first loved us. If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also. 1 John 4:19-21 NASB

### 3. You cannot force someone into a relationship

A. True fellowship takes time

B. True fellowship comes with heart change

Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth. We will know by this that we are of the truth, and will assure our heart before Him in whatever our heart condemns us; for God is greater than our heart and knows all things. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; 1 John 3:18-21 NASB

*Reflection:*

*When is the last time you prayed with someone?*

*When is the last time you studied Scripture with someone and really engaged asked and answered questions?*

*When is the last time you visited someone who needed your sharing or fellowship?*

*When is the last time you gave to someone?*