

“Seasons”

I can't tell you how happy I am to learn that many members of your congregation are diligent in living out the Truth, exactly as commanded by the Father. But permit me a reminder, friends, and this is not a new commandment but simply a repetition of our original and basic charter: that we love each other. Love means following his commandments, and his unifying commandment is that you conduct your lives in love. This is the first thing you heard, and nothing has changed.

(2 John 4-6, Message Translation)



WALKING WITH JESUS, GROWING IN JESUS, AND DOING LIFE IN JESUS IS LIKE AN “ASCENDING HELIX.”

- For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons and daughters of God. (Romans 8:14)
- The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps. (Proverbs 16:9)

SIGNS THAT YOU'RE IN THE LOOP

- I know nothing!
- I thought I had already learned _____
- Moving backwards
- “God, where are you?”
- Conviction, humility, etc.
- The “old” feels “new” again

2 JOHN: THE SEASON OF “EYE-WITNESSES” IS COMING TO AN END

- “I was there!” is coming to an end.
- John writes in a loop!

THE SECRET BEHIND THE SEASONS

- The seasons of life provide us an opportunity to remember and recall what it is all about, what we are known for, and why we are here.
- ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:11-13) [*I can make it through anything in the **One who makes me who I am.*** Message Translation]

STAY THE COURSE

- “The righteous shall **live by faith.**” (Galatians 3:11)
- Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, **so walk in him.** (Colossians 2:6)
- And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:6)

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