



2 JOHN



FOUNDRYCHURCH
DEVOTIONS

****If you do not have a Bible please let us know and we would be happy to get you one****

DAY 1

(Reading only)

2 John 1-6

Notes

DAY 2

READ *Ephesians 5:1-2*

Yesterday, we read in 2 John that John was not writing about a new command, but one that we have heard from the beginning. Could the letter's recipients have also heard the words to the Ephesians that we just read? Or maybe they know the words of Jesus from John 13, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

Every time I hang up the phone or leave the house, there are three words I hear from my wife. I. Love. You. I love you. So simple, yet words that hold so much meaning. I don't need to hear those words every time we stop talking on the phone, because I know that she loves me. I know she cares deeply for me. I don't question if she loves me or not. And yet, those words continue to be told to me every day.

This seems to be what we hear in John 13, then in Ephesians, and then again in 2 John. Love one another. 2 John actually states that we have heard this from the beginning. It is nothing new, nothing has changed. The command from Jesus remains the same. Love one another.

This command probably isn't a surprise to us. And yet, it is a difficult thing to do, especially with people who are hard to love. Who do you struggle to love, and how can you show them love this week?

DAY 3

READ
2 John 1-9

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any deceivers are coming into the world.” After reading these verses today, I thought, “Whew, glad we don’t have to worry about deceivers now.” It almost has the feel of the dementors from Harry Potter. These evil hooded figures who are easy to spot and move around in groups. Yes, I am very glad we don’t have anything like dementors or deceivers that attempt to steal your life.

But wait.

We may not have dementors or deceivers to worry about, but we should be worried about other things. A deceiver is someone or something that causes others to believe what is not true.

Can you think of any deceivers in your life? Maybe it is another person, or a thing.

Or, what if it is actually ourselves?

How often does someone ask us how we are doing, and we answer, “Things are good!” even though we fight with our spouse every night?

How often do we post the perfect picture of our family online that makes it look like we have it all together when our kids don’t even want to have a relationship with us?

DAY 3 (continued)

How often do we go behind closed doors and hide behind another drink, another website, another show?

What if we have actually become the deceiver within our own lives? Are we living a life that is true to who we are, true to a life that God would want us to live?

And if we are not, then what do we need to change about our lives to make sure that we are not deceiving people around us, and instead are allowing God to shine through us?

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DAY 4
(Reading only)
2 John 1-13

DAY 5

READ *Matthew 4:1-11*



One thing that has been so clear to me is that we don't have to walk this journey alone. There are deceivers in this world. There are false prophets that will try to get us to turn away from God, and yet Jesus was sent into this world to walk the journey before us and with us. In the story from Matthew that we just read, even Jesus was tempted by the false prophet.

Jesus was so vulnerable. He had fasted for 40 days. I mean, the man was starving. He was tempted by a false prophet to turn the rocks to bread. It would have been so much easier for Him to just listen to the false prophet, and eat.

Often, the false prophets in our lives are offering something that is more appealing right in this moment. Something that fills a need now, even if it doesn't last.

What deception do you have in your life that needs to be addressed? Maybe it is something that you have been deceived about for a while, and it is time to cut ties with it. Maybe it is something that you thought would bring you joy and happiness, and it still hasn't.

I encourage you to turn to the true Prophet, who has walked the road of temptation before us.

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Bring to service for message notes!

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GROUPS teaser questions

- 1. How do you see or distinguish false teachers in your life?*
- 2. Do you have any false teachers in your own life?*