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Series: Week 1
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“A Walking Legacy”

A Legacy = values that are passed on.

1. WALK IN GOSPEL-CENTERED COMMUNITY (1 John 1:1-4)

- John testifies what he and the other disciples personally experienced with Jesus. They **heard Him, saw Him, observed Him, and touched Him.**
- He testifies that Jesus is **eternal life!**
- John’s purpose in sharing this message was so that others can have **fellowship** with them and God.
 - Koinōnia = “**participation fellowship** — the act of sharing in the activities or privileges of an intimate association or group”
 - Biblical fellowship is all about sharing life together through Christ. Our connection with God leads to a deeper connection with other believers.
 - The **Gospel of Jesus** is what **unites us!**

- **Key Truth:**

A Christ-Centered legacy is shaped by **walking in gospel-centered community—living life together for the sake of the gospel!**

- **Reflection:** How have you been transformed by the good news of Jesus? What powerful experiences have you had with Christ? Have you shared this with others? Are you connected to a community of believers who constantly point you to Jesus? How has this community encouraged and challenged you in your walk with God? What is one way you can grow deeper in gospel-centered community this week?

2. WALK IN THE LIGHT (1 John 1:5-10)

- John’s message is that “God is **LIGHT** and in Him is no **darkness** at all.”
 - **LIGHT** = represents God’s holiness, righteousness, and truth, showing that He is the source of life and goodness.
 - **DARKNESS** = represents everything opposed to God’s character—sin, deception, moral failure, and separation from His presence.
- **JESUS** is the **LIGHT** of the world (John 8:12)! He came to reveal to us the truth about God, humanity, sin, the world, and salvation! He provided the way to **eternal life—HE IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE (John 14:6)!**
- **Walking in the light = living our lives in a way that honors God’s truth and goodness!**
- **Walking in darkness = living our lives in a way that dishonors God in sin and lies.**
- **Our God is a forgiving God:** All have sinned/walked in darkness, but when we confess our sin, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness! **Check out Exodus 34:6-7 on God’s character.**

- **Key Truth:**

A Christ-Centered legacy is shaped by **walking in the light—truly living life God’s way and turning away from a lifestyle of sin.**

- **Reflection:** What does it look like to “walk in the light” in everyday life? Why do people sometimes try to hide or minimize sin? Is there sin in your life that the Holy Spirit is bringing to the light right now? How does confession help restore our relationship with God? What do you need to confess and surrender to God today? How does knowing God forgives and cleanses you when you confess your sin shape the way you live?

3. WALK LIKE JESUS (1 John 2:1-6)

- **Jesus is our advocate**—the one who represents us before God when we sin.
- **Jesus is our propitiation**—He is our atoning sacrifice that restores our relationship with God!
 - “Propitiation (Gk. hilasmos) here means “‘a sacrifice that bears God’s wrath and turns it to favor...””
- John gives a clear test of genuine faith: Those who truly know God **obey His commands.**
- **Obedience is God’s love language!**
 - **Obedience** is not about earning God’s love. Instead, it is our response to the love and grace we have received through Christ.
 - **Obedience** = evidence of our relationship with God.
- **VERSE 6 IS JOHN’S MAIN POINT-Key Truth:**
 A Christ-Centered legacy is shaped by **walking like Jesus—If you SAY you know Jesus, then Walk like JESUS in loving obedience and self-sacrifice for the glory of God!**
- **Reflection:** Since we still fall into sin, how does knowing that Jesus is our advocate and atoning sacrifice deepen your awe of God? Why is obedience important evidence of real faith? How does walking in disobedience impact your relationship with God and others? How does obedience enrich our relationship with God and others? In what area of your life do you want to grow in walking more like Jesus?

1 John 1:1-2:6

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—² the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—³ that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. **2** ¹ My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. ³ And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴ Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, ⁵ but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: ⁶ whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked