



May 27

Passage: 2 John

Hi friends! Happy Wednesday!! Wednesday's are one of my favorite days of the week. The halfway point of the week brings me so much joy, and it's the day we get to meet as a student ministry to worship our Creator! I'm writing this during quarantine, so I long for the day we can be together again. If we are able to meet by the time you're reading this then you will see me at the Rock tonight with a huge grin on my face! Anyway let's pray before we read, asking God to open our hearts to His word and clear our minds of any distractions.

BE WATCHFUL (v7-8)

John then urges the lady and her children to be watchful. He is warning them of the many deceivers in the world and is stating the importance of remaining on guard against them and losing everything they have worked for. Its not enough to walk blindly in truth and love, but we must be diligent to keep watch of things that will catch our attention and cause us to detour our path. Practically this may mean cutting some things or people out of our life. Its difficult, very hard and may even be emotional, but we must be busy and watchful killing sin or it will be killing us. Flip back to Hebrews really quick. Take a minute and read Hebrews 12:1-2. Its basically saying the same thing right? To "lay aside every sin" (be watchful), "run with endurance the race that is set before us" (walk in truth and love), and "look to Jesus" (abide).

ABIDE (v9-11)

Lastly and most importantly we see John's claim that whoever does not abide in the teachings of Christ does not have God, but those who abide in the teachings has both the Father and the Son. The first part of that statement may make you a little uncomfortable due to the bluntness of it, and honestly it made me wince a little at first too. But its true and as uncomfortable as it may be if you have accepted Jesus then that does not apply to you. If that's the case for you then it should push you to action in making him known to those around you so that they may abide in Christ as well. Flip back and read John 8:31-32. Sounds familiar right? Here we see the same thing John has said except this time they are the words of Jesus!

Apply & GO...

So let's strive to match our stride to the love of the Father being watchful on the way and forever abiding in His Word. May our lives echo these words from 2 Timothy 4:7, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith".