

Sermon: Every Step of the Way

1 John 2:12-14



Encourage One Another

- **1 Thessalonians 5:11** - Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Little Children – Your Sins Are Forgiven

- **1 John 2:12** - I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.

Greatest Gift – Forgiveness of Sins

- We have been given the greatest gift – The Forgiveness of Sins
- **Ephesians 1:7** - In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.
- **Acts 4:12** - ¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Father Knows Best

- **1 John 2:13** - I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning.

Son

Father



Teach and Set the Example

- **Titus 2:1-6** - But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine. ² Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. ³ Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, ⁴ and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, ⁵ to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. ⁶ Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled.

Young Men – Strong For the Battle

- **1 John 2:13** - I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.

The Battle for Our Nation

- **Isaiah 3:9** - For the look on their faces bears witness against them;
they proclaim their sin like Sodom;
they do not hide it.
Woe to them!
For they have brought evil on themselves.

Encourage – Not Discourage

- **Hebrews 3:13** - ¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Victory – Overcome the World

- **John 16:33** - ³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. **In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”**

Children Know the Father

- **1 John 2:13** - I write to you, children, because you know the Father.

Jesus the Good Shepherd

- **John 10:2-5** - ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”
- **John 10:14-15** - ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Protect the Sheep

- **Acts 20:28-31** - ²⁸ Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰ and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears.



Every Step of the Way

- **1 John 2:14:**

I write to you, fathers,

because you know him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, young men,

because you are strong,

and the word of God abides in you,

and you have overcome the evil one.

Walking Together – Every Step of the Way

- **1 John 1:7** - 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.
- **Ephesians 4:1-3** - I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.