



NEW TESTAMENT • GENERAL LETTERS

2 John

Walk in truth and love with discernment.

AUTHORSHIP · The writer identifies himself as the elder; traditionally John.

DATE & CONTEXT · Often dated AD 80–100.

The big picture

The elder writes to an elect lady and her children, possibly a way of addressing a congregation. Love and truth are inseparable, and the church should continue in the teaching of Christ. Hospitality must not become uncritical support for deceptive teaching. This short letter invites discernment without abandoning care for people, and it closes with a preference for the joy of face-to-face conversation.

Words to carry

“And this is love, that we walk after his commandments.”

2 John 1:6 · KJV · excerpt

Live it

01 Check a teaching against the wider witness of Scripture.

02 Set a wise boundary around what you promote.

03 Make time for a thoughtful conversation beyond quick messages.

Pause & reflect

How can I remain loving while practicing discernment?

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