

# Living in the Light

A STUDY IN 1<sup>ST</sup> JOHN

## Pastor Dave Patterson Living in the Light Part 4—The Anointing 5.9.2021

### USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

### [1 John 5:13, AMP]

I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, **so that you may know** (with settled and absolute assurance) that you have eternal life.

### [1 John 2:18-27, AMP]

Children, it is the last hour and just as you heard that the Antichrist is coming [the one who will oppose Christ and attempt to replace Him], even now many antichrists (false teachers) have appeared, which confirms our belief that it is the last hour. <sup>19</sup> They went out from us [seeming at first to be Christians], but they were not **really** of us [because they were not truly born again and spiritually transformed]; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but **they went out** [teaching false doctrine], so that it would be clearly shown that none of them are of us. <sup>20</sup> **But**

**you have an anointing from the Holy One** and all of you know the truth because He teaches us, illuminates our minds, and guards us from error. I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie [nothing false, no deception] is of the truth. <sup>22</sup> Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? (the Messiah, the Anointed). Anyone who denies the Father and the Son is an antichrist. No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

<sup>24</sup> As for you, **see that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you.** If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. <sup>25</sup> And this is what he promised us—eternal life.

<sup>26</sup> I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray. <sup>27</sup> **As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you,** and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, **remain in him.**

***Anointing comes by staying connected to the Source. When you abide in Him, a flow of life happens.***

**[John 15:5-8]**

“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who **remain in me**, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> Anyone who **does not remain in me** is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. But **if you remain in me and my words remain in you,** you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

## **New Testament Anointing:**

- a. **The person of God the Holy Spirit** abiding in my life
- b. **Divine Enablement** = The power of God coming upon my life to accomplish what I could never do without Him
- c. **God-given ability for the God-given task**

## ***Why we need the anointing:***

### **1. The anointing is the antidote for deception.**

- **The Father of Lies** (John 8:44)
- **Deceiver of the whole world** (Revelation 12:9)
- **God of this world who blinds the minds of unbelievers** (2 Corinthians 4:40)

***Deception will lead people further away from God, even though they think they're getting closer to Him.***

***God wants you to have discernment; He is concerned with the details of our lives. The anointing of the Holy Spirit causes us to see the difference between truth and error.***

### **[1 John 2:27, AMP]**

As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you **(to instruct or convince of what is truth)**. But His anointing teaches you about all things and that anointing is real, not counterfeit.

### **[John 16:13]**

**“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth.”**

***You cannot accomplish divine tasks without divine enablement.***

***Why we need the anointing:***

**2. The anointing enables us to fulfill our calling.**

***Why we need the anointing:***

**3. The anointing brings freedom in our lives, “it breaks the yoke.”**

**[Zechariah 4:6, AMP]**

Then he said to me, “This [continuous supply of oil] is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel [prince of Judah], saying, ‘Not by might, nor by power, **but by My Spirit** [of whom the oil is a symbol],’ says the LORD of hosts... Not even a mighty mountain will stand in your way”

**[Isaiah 10:27]**

***“the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing”.*** (KJV)

***“In that day the Lord will remove the heavy burden from your shoulders and break off the yoke of bondage from your necks because of the heavy anointing upon you!”*** (TPT)

**[James 5:14]**

Are any of you sick? You should call for the leaders of the church to pray over you, **anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord.**

***A new thing requires a new anointing and a fresh authority. Life is lived in seasons, and we can’t live off of yesterday’s oil.***

**[Luke 4:18]**

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because **he has anointed me** to proclaim .... recovery of sight for the blind, and to set the oppressed free!

## FOR MONDAY—

1. Spend time reconnecting and strengthening your relationship with the Lord. Pray that you would remain in Him always.
2. Ask God for the anointing that shakes and breaks the yoke.

### TALK IT THROUGH

1. What are some mountains you might be facing in your life right now?
2. What is the anointing, and how do we define it? How do we know if we're carrying the anointing in our life?
3. How did the Gnostic teaching about the physical body being evil conflict with the biblical understanding of the body? Why is that teaching so enticing? In what ways can we identify truth versus error?
4. "The Anointing flows because of the connection." Who is it important to stay connected to? How do we accomplish this?
5. What are some yokes of bondage from our past from which we need the anointing to bring complete freedom?
6. How does the image of oxen with yoke around their necks represent how we can get stuck or bound? When do yokes break off oxen? In other words, what practice brings freedom over time?
7. What is the job description of a very real enemy? [John 10:10]
8. Why is God concerned with the very details of our lives? How do we apply 1 John 2:27 to every situation?
9. What anointing do you need in your life in these days? (i.e. healing, freedom from bondage, authority to fulfill God's call) Why does God ask us to do things beyond our self-sustaining capacity?
10. Where is the Holy Spirit directing you in your calling, and how is He enabling you to fulfill it?