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## Walking in the Truth

*By Derek Kiser on October 20, 2021*

### **READING:** 2 John

Those of you who are parents or grandparents remember your children and your grandchildren as they took their first steps. It is an exciting milestone that parents and grandparents celebrate for sure. It exhibits some level of independence over carrying your child everywhere. It is the beginning of independence at least.

In this passage, 2 John verse 4 stood out to me. The passage says, "I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father." One of the things that gives me the greatest joy is seeing students and adults walking in the truth. I receive far more joy and excitement from people's actions than their words. Seeing a teenager really take their faith seriously is a great joy in my life. I get the most excited when I see a student, especially one I have invested in, come to church with a friend who they led to the Lord. I get excited about students who are now adults who are serving in their churches as leaders and being a great husband, father, mother, wife and living out their faith. These students are walking in the truth and have learned how to feed themselves with God's Word and have realized their relationship with God is not based on their parents' faith but their own.

Verse 9 states, "Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God, whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son." Those who are walking in the truth by the fruit in their lives have shown us they are believers. We can rejoice and should rejoice greatly in this. One question I ask of myself is do I encourage them enough. You bet my wife and I were excited when our oldest son took his first steps, and he was so proud because we were so excited for him. Do I, do we, celebrate with Christians when we see they are walking in the truth? Who can we encourage today that we see them walking in the truth?

**PRAYER:** God, help me celebrate those around us who are walking in the truth. Help me encourage those who are walking in the truth.

### **TOMORROW'S READING:** 3 John

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