

# UNSHAKEABLE: P.S. I LOVE YOU

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2 & 3 JOHN

## MAIN TAKEAWAY

God wants us to walk in truth and love. Truth anchors us, and love moves us; truth gives us the message, and love gives us the method.

## INTRODUCTION

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

**What do you usually say when you write a postscript (P.S.) in a letter or email? Why do you include it?**

**John's first letter was written to give assurance to believers, and his second and third letters are like a postscript (P.S.) filled with love, warning, and encouragement. How do these two short letters highlight all we learned in our study of 1 John?**

## UNDERSTANDING

Unpack the biblical text to discover what the Scripture says or means about a particular topic.

### HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ 2 JOHN 1:1-13

***God wants us to walk in truth and love (v.1-3). Why must believers walk in both truth and love? Why can't you have one without the other? What may happen if only one is emphasized?***

**If truth without love is harsh, and love without truth is hollow, how do you find the right balance? How is Jesus the perfect example of walking in both truth and love?**

***When we walk in truth and love, the devil will oppose us (v.7-8). How does the devil do this? How did John warn against this in his letters?***

## HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ 3 JOHN 1:1-15

***God cares about every area of your life (v.1-2). What is biblical prosperity (Psalm 1)? What kind of false gospels must we guard against regarding this topic?***

***Coming to Christ is life-changing; continuing with Christ is life-sustaining (v.3-4). Pastor Greg said, "Saying 'yes' to Jesus is just the start; staying close to Him is where joy deepens." What is your greatest joy? Is it reflective of John's perspective (v.4)?***

***God's people should underwrite God's work (v.5-8). How did God's people support the work of the ministry? How can we display hospitality and support today?***

***There are real and fake believers in the church (v.9-11). How can we trust God to deal with hypocrites and imposters in the church (Matthew 13:24-30)?***

***Be a Demetrius, not a Diotrephes (v.9, 12). What are the differences between Demetrius and Diotrephes? Which one do you most resemble?***

## APPLICATION

Help your group identify how the truths from the Scripture passage apply directly to their lives.

**Are you walking in both truth and love? Do you tend to emphasize one, and how can you correct this? How would you like to grow in these areas?**

**How does truth anchor you and love move you? What is the message of truth and the method of love? How did truth and love come together at the cross?**

**What good examples do you need to follow, and what bad examples do you need to avoid (3 John 11)? How have you experienced this in the community of the church?**

## PRAYER

Thank God for His truth and love. Pray that you will be anchored in truth and moved by love.

P.S. God loves you! And Harvest Church loves you!