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REDEEMING  
LOVE LENTEN SERIES  
THROUGH 1 JOHN

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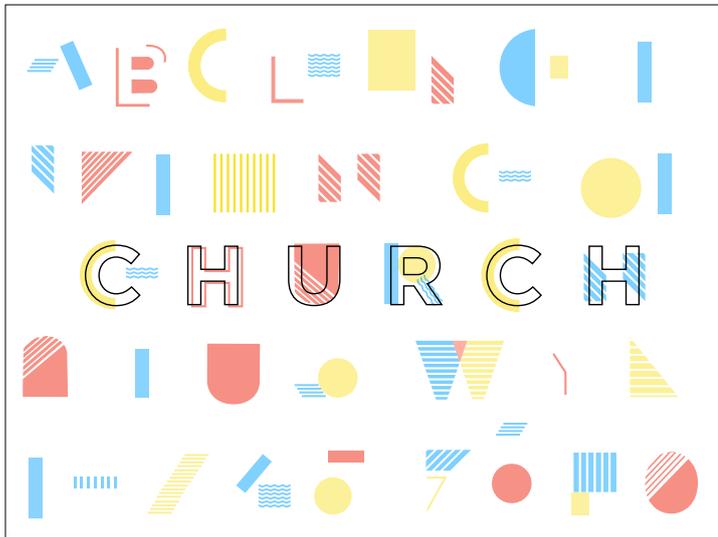


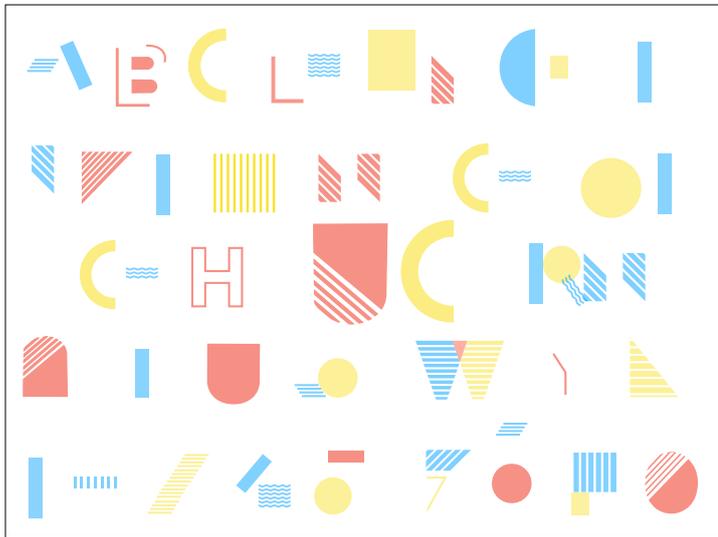
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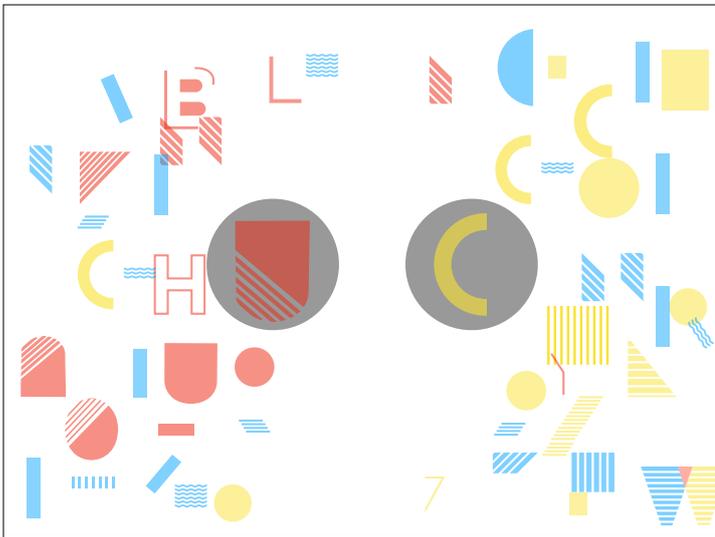
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**1 JOHN 2:9-11 (NLT)**

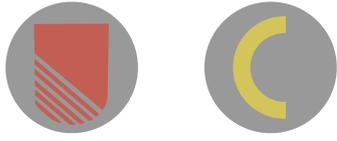
**If anyone claims, “I am living in the light,” but hates a fellow believer, that person is still living in darkness. Anyone who loves a fellow believer is living in the light and does not cause others to stumble. But anyone who hates a fellow believer is still living and walking in darkness. Such a person does not know the way to go, having been blinded by the darkness.**







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## **BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS**

Marriages  
Family Members  
Parents and children  
Friends

I don't know you anymore.  
I don't love you anymore.  
I don't want anything to do with you  
anymore.

And when i look at this passage, and for John to be writing this, it means that that same challenge is happening in the churches too. There is brokenness, or dislike, disagreement, and John just encapsulates it wiht the worth hate.

There's no doubt that it's serious. God is saying that If anyone claims, "I am living in the light," but hates a fellow believer, that person is still living in darkness. Anyone who loves a fellow believer is living in the light and does not cause others to stumble. But anyone who hates a fellow believer is still living and walking in darkness. Such a person does not know the way to go, having been blinded by the darkness.



My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin.

7 Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one,

Hey... you are all his children.

You are all beloved.

You are all dear friends.

He's not just saying, Oh, hey, you're John's dear friends, you are friends with Christ.

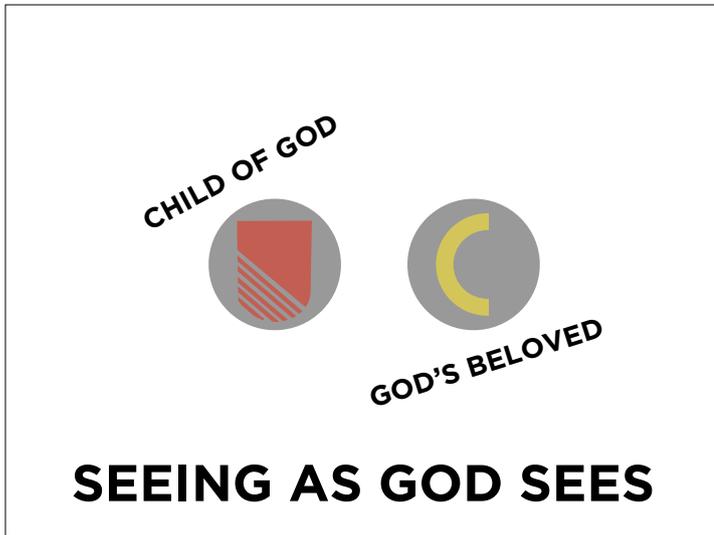
And that's the thing about family.

When I was growing up, my parents would say, if you're going to fight, fight to the death. 2 go in, 1 come out. Chinese families could potentially be more brutal.

Alex pointed out, that occasionally, i'm not too different. When they argue i say, go ahead and fight, but i don't want to take anyone to the hospital.

But the other thing I do tell the boys is that, you've only got one brother. You've got to make it work. You have to appreciate each other while you can. Don't let a fight ruin that.

When we look at our spouses, we have to realise, that's the one. There's no other one. That's the one you've got to work with and live with. I can either fight that my whole life, or I can realise, that's God's beloved, that I have the chance to grow with and shape me. When i look at my siblings, it's the same. Even with your friends.



broken relationships

how do we become friends again

how do we become husband and wife again

how do i fall in love with this person again

it's the actual decision of proclaiming that over someone's life.

Yes, they may have wronged you, yes, they may have sinned, and we may be justified in our anger, but the first step isn't about trying to fix them. or change them. or get revenge. it's about surrendering them to God, and beginning to just see them as God'

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**My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.**

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God has forgiven us.... so let us forgive others...

**but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.**

4 Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, 5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: 6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.



**IF YOU KNOW GOD...  
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See all of this is about knowing God.

1 JOHN 2:7-8 (NIV)

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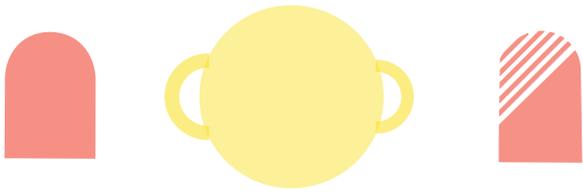
Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

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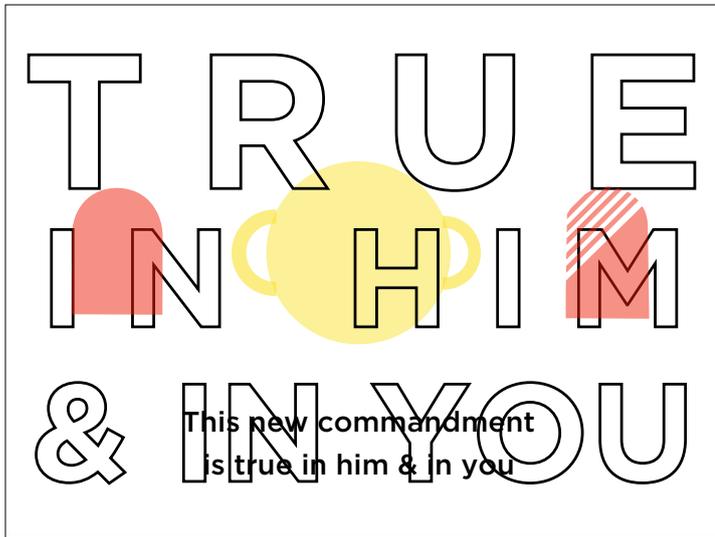
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Whawhaa

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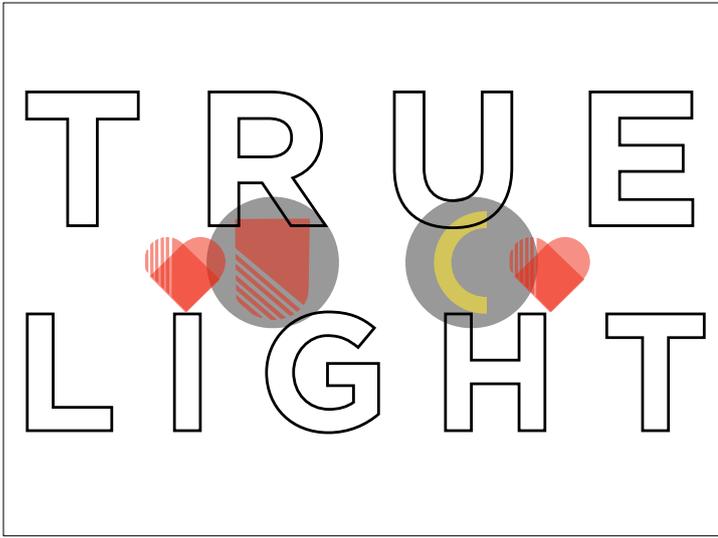


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it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which **is true in him and in you**, because the **darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining**.

LIGHT IS SHINING  
DARKNESS IS PASSING



I am writing to you,  
**dear children,**  
because your sins have been  
forgiven on account of his  
name.

I am writing to you, **fathers,**  
because you know him  
who is from the beginning.

I am writing to you,  
**young men,**  
because you have  
overcome the evil one.

I write to you,  
**dear children,**  
because you know the Father.

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 lives  
in you,  
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the evil one.

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DEAR  
CHILDREN



SINS FORGIVEN



KNOW THE FATHER

I am writing to you, dear children,  
because your **sins have been  
forgiven on account of his name.**

I write to you, dear children, **because  
you know the Father**

FATHERS



YOU KNOW HIM — WHO KNOWS ALL

I am writing to you, fathers,  
because you know him  
who is from the beginning.

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because you know him  
who is from the beginning.

YOUNG  
MEN



YOU HAVE OVERCOME EVIL

I am writing to you,  
young men,  
because you have  
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I write to you, young men,  
because **you are strong**,  
and the **word of God lives**  
**in you**,  
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So that person that you're bitter at, or  
angry at, or

