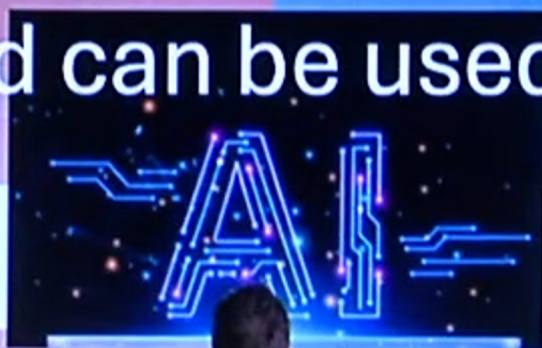




3 John

Every gift of God can be used for good



- Justice
- Mercy
- Truth
- Stewardship
- Love



**A Song by Mark and Al**  
***“Faithful Servants”***

We gather here each Sunday morning,  
Hearts ready to receive Your word  
Through Pastor Brent  
You send Your teaching,  
Your faithful voice that we have heard

**A Song by Mark and Al**  
***“Faithful Servants”***

Chorus

Thank You, Lord, for faithful servants  
Thank You for Your love so true  
Bless Pastor Brent who guides us forward  
Help us grow more close to You



## **2 Corinthians 5**

**<sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.**

**<sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.**

# Background

- **Author:** “The Elder”

# Author: John

- 1.) **Gospel of John** – "The disciple whom Jesus loved"
- 2.) **1 John** – Not stated
- 3.) **2 John** – "The Elder"
- 4.) **3 John** – "The Elder"
- 5.) **Revelation** – "John" (A.D. 95-96)

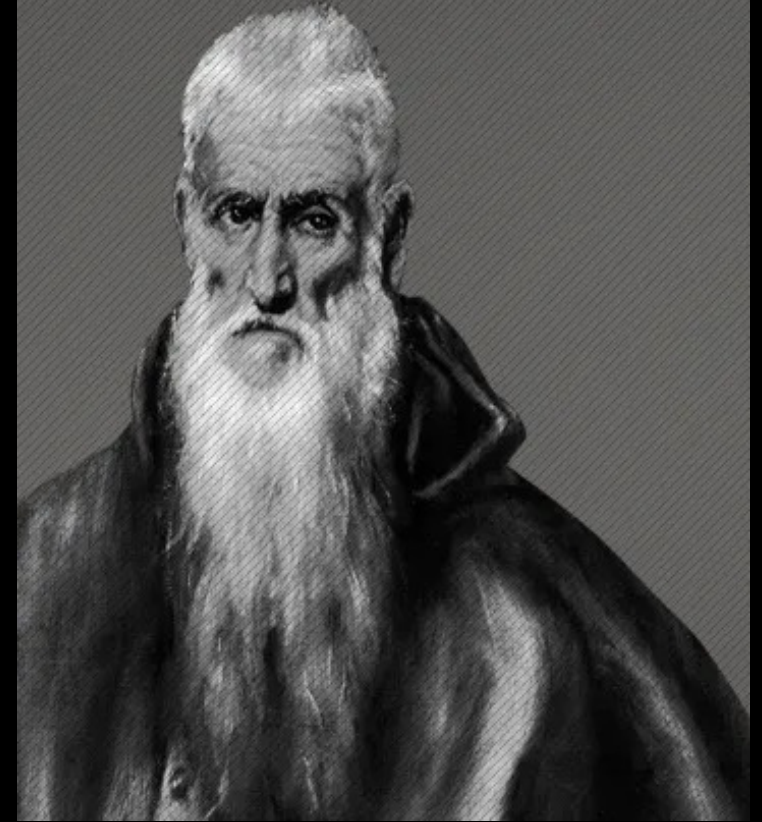
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**Eusebius**



**Irenaeus**



**Jerome**



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- **Date:** A.D. 85–95, end of John’s life  
(50 years after resurrection)
- **Purpose:** Commendation & Condemnation
- **Recipient:** Gaius, his church, area









Philippi

Neapolis

6

4

Aegean  
Sea

3 Mysia

Troas

Assos

Mytilene

7

Asia

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Ephesus

Laodicea

Colossae

Meander River

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Iconium

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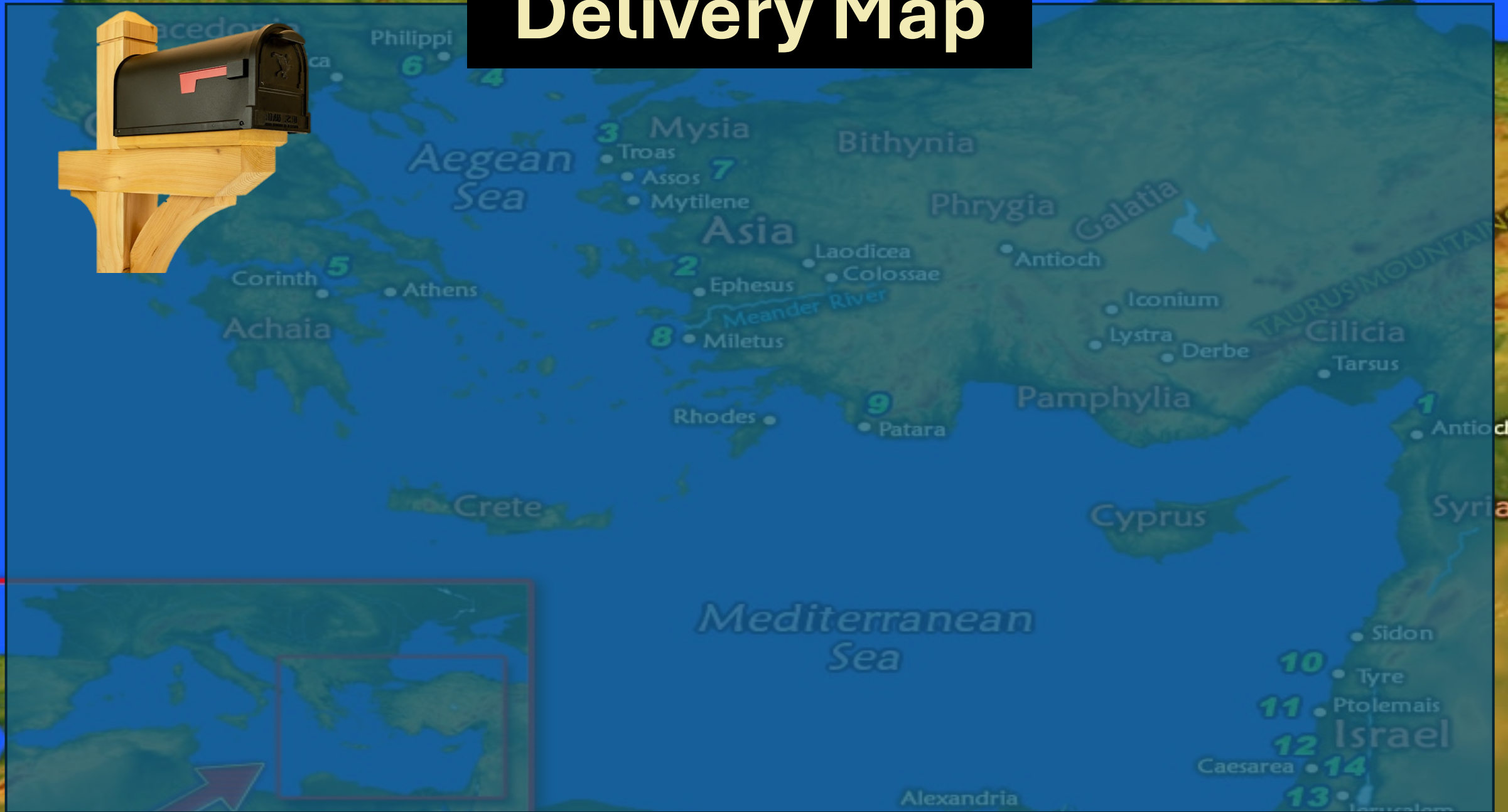
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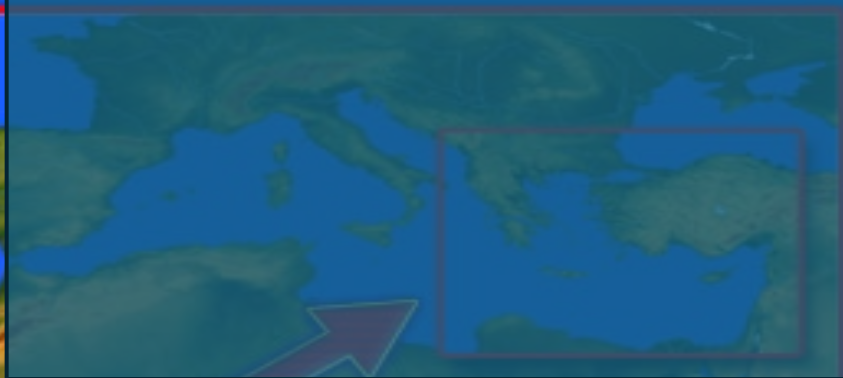
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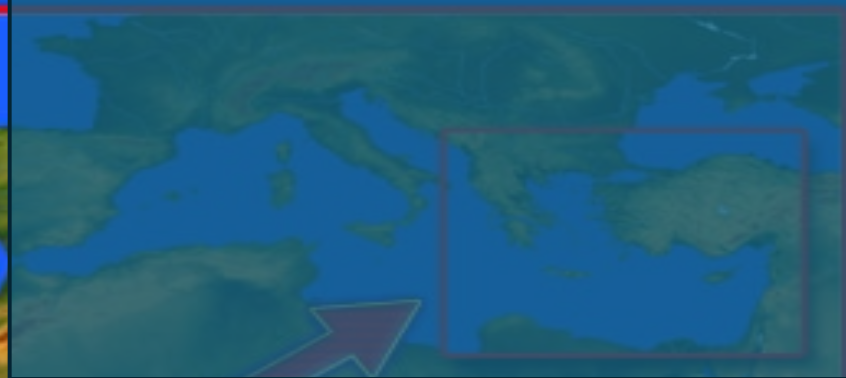
Gaius





# Delivery Map

Gaius



Mediterranean Sea

- 1. Antioch
- 2. Ephesus
- 3. Colossae
- 4. Laodicea
- 5. Corinth
- 6. Athens
- 7. Tarsus
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- 13. Jerusalem
- 14. Sidon

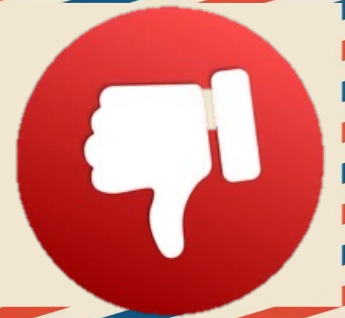


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**Gaius**



**Diotrephes**



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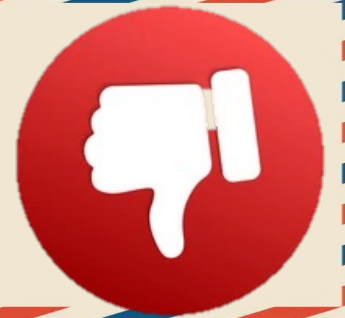
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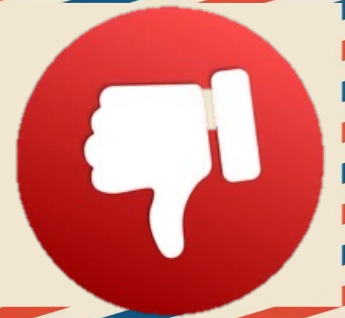


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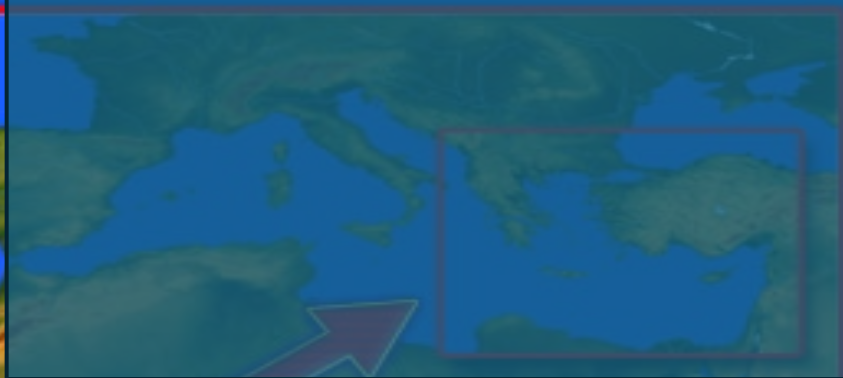
**Demetrius**



# Delivery Map



Gaius





# I. Gaius

3 John

<sup>1</sup> The elder to the beloved Gaius,  
whom I love in truth.

<sup>2</sup> Beloved, "I pray that all may go well with you  
and that you may be in good health,  
as it goes well with your soul."

# Papyrus Letters

P.Oxy. 523

Pagan Writers

P.Fayum. 110

Cicero

P.Michigan 8.467

-Ad Atticum 2.9

P. Oxyrhynchus 3313

Pliny/Younger

2 Maccabees

-Epistulae 1.2

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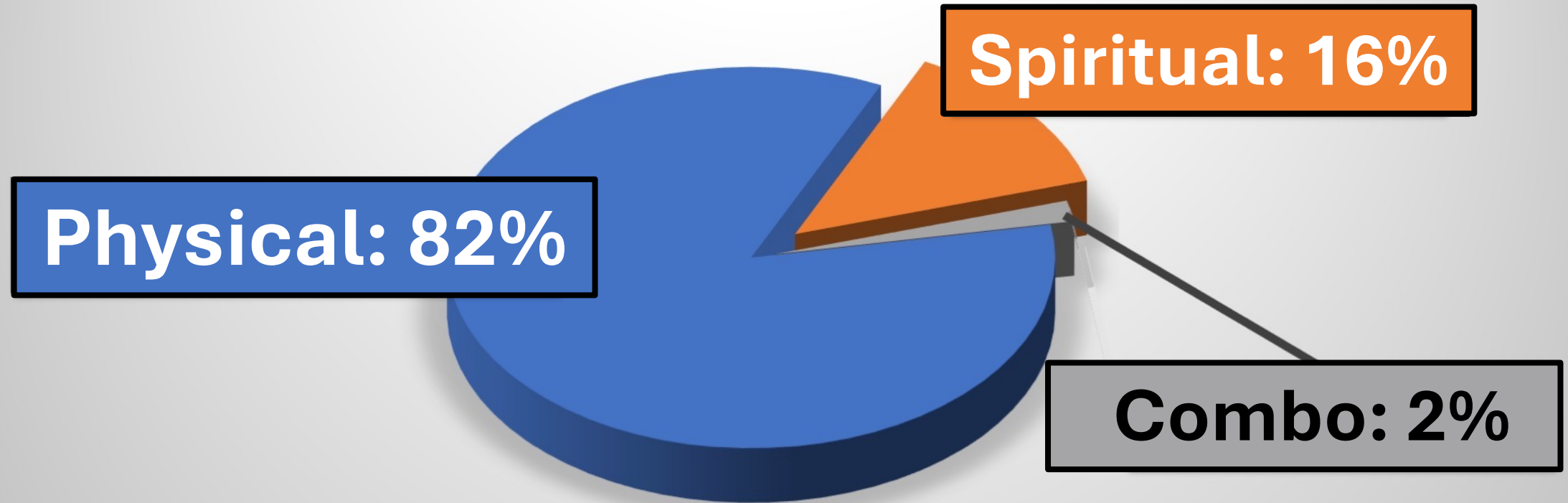


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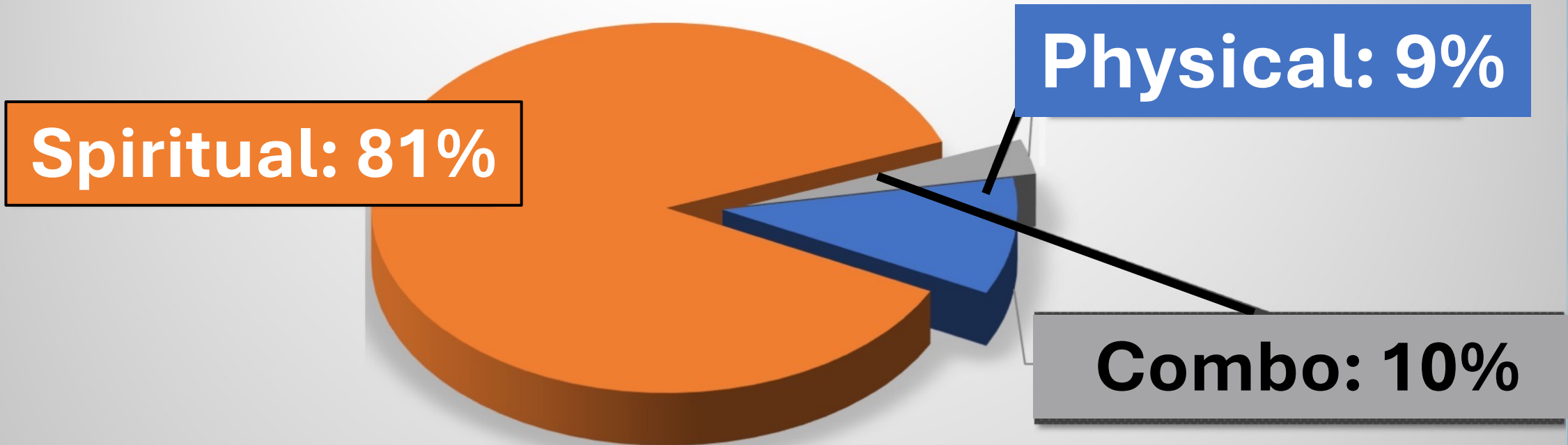




# Prayer Emphasis

# In the BIBLE

## Prayer Requests in the Bible



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3 John

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that my children are **walking in the truth**.

John 14:6

Jesus said to him,

“I am the way,  
and the truth,  
and the life.

No one comes to the  
Father except through  
me.

Ἰωάννης 14:6

λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς·

ἐγὼ εἰμι ἡ ὁδὸς

καὶ ἡ ἀλήθεια

καὶ ἡ ζωή·

οὐδεὶς ἔρχεται πρὸς τὸν  
πατέρα εἰ μὴ δι' ἐμοῦ.

“real, unveiled” = ἀλήθεια (n; *a lē the ia*)  
Truth is what God says and who He is!



# John 17

Truth

<sup>14</sup> I have given them Your Word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, ...

<sup>15</sup> I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.

<sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the **truth**; Your Word is **truth**.

<sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

<sup>20</sup> "I do not ask for these only,  
but also for those who will believe in ..."

## John 8

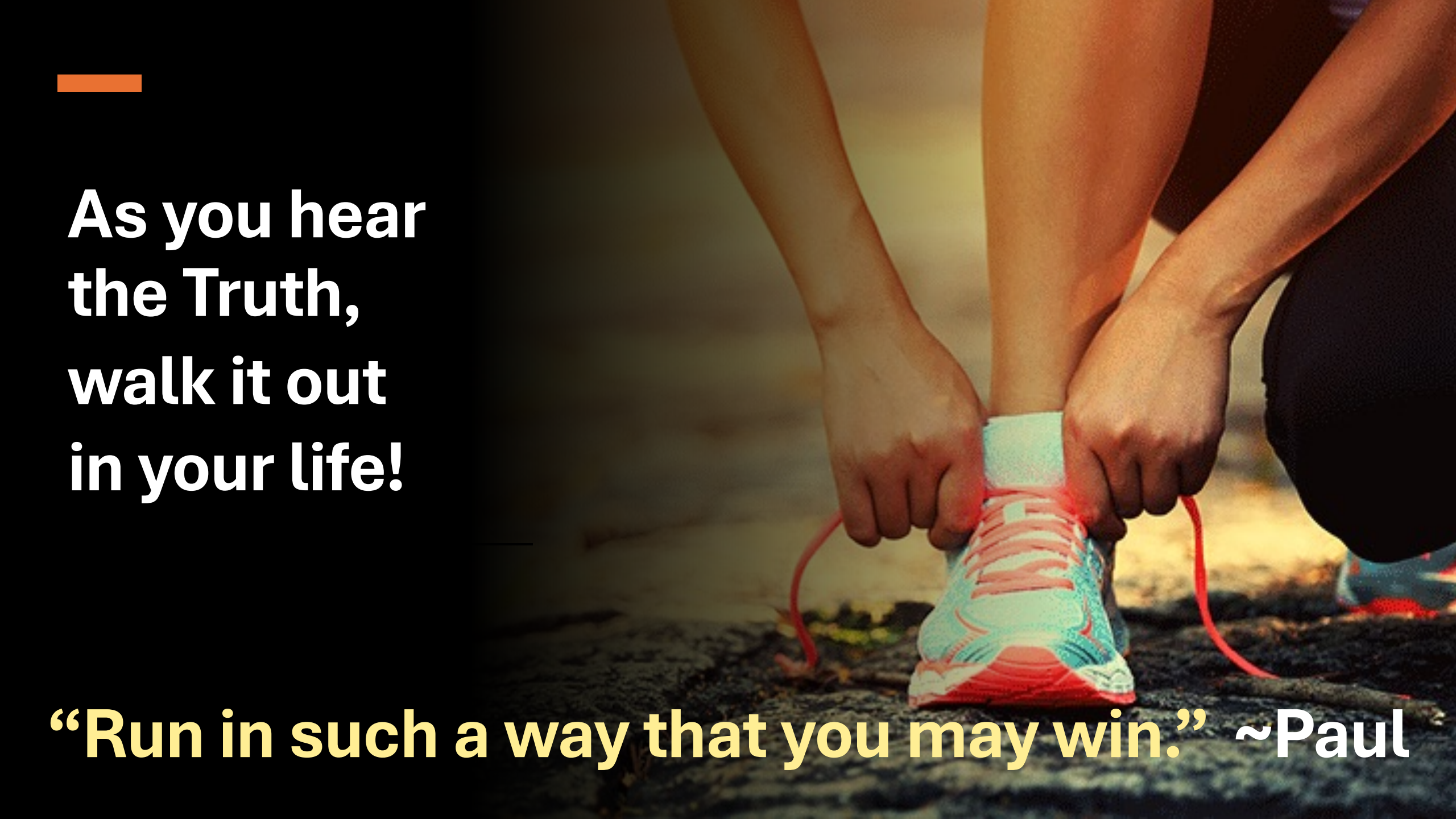
Truth

<sup>31</sup> So Jesus said to the Jews who believed him,  
“**If you abide in my word,**  
you are truly my disciples,  
<sup>32</sup> and you will know the **truth**,  
and the **truth** will set you free.”

## John 16

<sup>12</sup> “I still have many things to say to you,  
but you cannot bear them now.  
<sup>13</sup> When the **Spirit of truth** comes,  
he will guide you into all the truth,



A close-up photograph of a person's hands tying the laces of a red and blue running shoe. The person is wearing white socks. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is one of preparation and readiness.

**As you hear  
the Truth,  
walk it out  
in your life!**

**“Run in such a way that you may win.” ~Paul**

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3 John

<sup>5</sup> Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are,

<sup>6</sup> **who testified** to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God.

<sup>7</sup> For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles.

**Showing hospitality in *Koinonia***

<sup>8</sup> Therefore  
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**fellow workers** for the **truth**.

**Showing hospitality in *Koinonia***



3 John 8

Therefore we ought to **support** people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the **truth** (the Gospel)

3 Ἰωάννης 8

ἡμεῖς οὖν ὀφείλομεν **ὑπολαμβάνειν** τοὺς τοιούτους, ἵνα συνεργοὶ γινώμεθα τῇ **ἀληθείᾳ**.

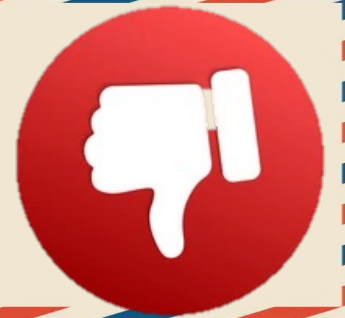
“Active support from beneath” = ὑπολαμβάνειν (v) implies offering warmth, shelter, and provisions to guests, particularly those traveling.

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# Correct, Rebuke, Restore

**Galatians 6:1-2** – “Restore him in gentleness...”

**2 Timothy 2:24-26** – “Gently correct opponents”

**James 5:19-20** – “Bring back a wondering soul”

**2 Peter 3:15** – Help scriptural misunderstandings

**Luke 17:3-4** – “If your brother sins, rebuke him...”

**1 Thessalonians 5:14** – “admonish the idle...”

**Titus 3:10-11** – “Warn a divisive person...”



## II. Diotrophes

3 John

<sup>9</sup> I have written something to the church,  
but Diotrophes, **who likes to put himself first**,  
does not acknowledge our authority.

<sup>10</sup> So if I come, **I will bring up what he is doing**,  
talking wicked nonsense against us.

And not content with that,  
he **refuses to welcome the brothers**,  
and also **stops** those who want to (welcome...)  
and puts them out of the church.

# Matthew 18

~Jesus

<sup>15</sup> “If your brother **sins** against you,  
go and tell **him** his fault, **you and him alone.**

**If** he listens to you, you’ve gained your brother.

<sup>16</sup> **But** if he does not listen, take 1 or 2 others  
with you, that every charge may be established  
by the evidence of 2 or 3 witnesses.

<sup>17</sup> **If** he refuses to listen..., **tell it to the church.**

**And** if he refuses to listen even to the church,  
let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

# Matthew 18

~Jesus

<sup>18</sup> Truly, I say to you, whatever you **bind** on earth shall be **bound** in heaven, and whatever you **loose** on earth shall be **loosed** in heaven.

<sup>19</sup> Again I say to you, if 2 of you **agree** on earth about **anything they ask**, **it will be done** for them by my Father in heaven.

<sup>20</sup> **For where 2 or 3 are gathered in my name, there am I among them."**



# 1 Corinthians 5

~Paul

<sup>1</sup> It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife.

<sup>2</sup> And you are **arrogant!**  
Ought you not rather to **mourn?**

Let him who has done this  
be removed from among you.

# 1 Corinthians 5

~Paul

<sup>3</sup> For though absent in body, I'm present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing.

<sup>4</sup> When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus,

<sup>5</sup> you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh,

**so that his spirit may be saved  
in the day of the Lord.**

## Deuteronomy 17

~The Law

<sup>6</sup> On the evidence of 2 witnesses or of 3 witnesses the one who is to die shall be put to death; a person shall NOT be put to death on the evidence of 1 witness.

## Deuteronomy 19

<sup>15</sup> A single witness shall not rise up against a man on account of any iniquity or any sin which he has committed; on the evidence of 2 or 3 witnesses a matter shall be confirmed."



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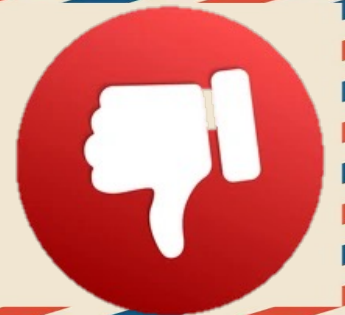
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# III. Demetrius

3 John

<sup>11</sup> Beloved,

do not imitate evil  
but imitate good.

Whoever does good is from God;  
whoever does evil has not seen God.

<sup>12</sup> Demetrius has received a good testimony  
from everyone, and from the truth itself.  
We also add our testimony,  
and you know that our testimony is true.

## IV. Conclusion

3 John

<sup>13</sup> I had much to write to you,  
but I would rather not write with pen and ink.

<sup>14</sup> I hope to see you soon,  
and we will **talk face to face**.

<sup>15</sup> **Peace** be to you.  
The friends greet you.  
Greet the friends, **each by name**.

**Yearning for true *Koinonia***

**John puts it like this!**

**“Walk in the Truth”**

[1] Gaius stood firm,  
walking strong in the light,  
Welcoming saints, doing what's right.  
Truth was his banner, love his way,  
Living the gospel day by day.



**John puts it like this!**

***“Walk in the Truth”***

[c] Walk in the truth, shine like the sun,  
Love with your life till the journey is done.

Support the saints, and stand for the good—  
Just like the faithful in Scripture stood.

Oh Lord, let me walk,  
let me walk in the truth.

**John puts it like this!**

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[2] But Diotrephes sought  
the power and praise,  
Blocking the truth, twisting God's ways.  
We're called to be humble,  
not proud in our place,  
To lead with His mercy,  
to walk in His grace.

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[3] Demetrius lived with a faithful name,  
True in his heart, with a godly flame.  
Praised by the people,  
praised by the Word,  
A life that echoes what we've heard.

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Not to be first, not to be loud,  
But to lift others and make You proud.

Face to face or far away—  
Let us love well, come what may.

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