



## Letters of Love

#11 Stronger

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**scriptures:** 1 John 3:24, 1 John 4:1-6, 1 John 4:13-16, John 1:1, John 1:5, John 1:14, 1 Corinthians 6:19, 1 John 1:5, 1 John 1:1.

Happy Father's Day to all of the Dad's in this place today. I have had the honor be being celebrated in this way for 8 years now, and I will say this partially because I just want to remind myself...

there has been no greater honor in my life than that of raising my kids. I love being a dad. Sometimes I need those reminders, like: wow, you only get a few years with these precious kids and then they are on their own... and Father's Day is one of those days... its one of those reminders of how important it is to slow down, and make sure that first and foremost I am WHO I AM SUPPOSED TO BE TO THEM.

And Dad's, thank you... its a big job... its an important job... its a job that a lot of people neglect and its a role that a lot of kids, especially in our city, don't have in their life.

and if THAT is you today, just know that we love you... and know that God the Father is as close to you as the air that you breathe, and that He loves you in the most perfect love imaginable. The Bible says that He is a Father to the Fatherless. (Psalm 68:5)

and we are here for you today if you need anything at all.

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Lets get into the word of God.

we are going to begin with the last half of 1 John 3:24, and then read 1 John 4:1-6 -

“And **by this** we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.”

moving into chapter 4:

## Test the Spirits

**4** Beloved, do **not** believe every spirit, but **test the spirits** to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. **By this** you know the Spirit of God: **every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh** is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is **not** from God. This is the **spirit of the antichrist**, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, **you are from God** and have overcome them, for **he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world**. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are **from God**. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. **By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.**

now, skip ahead one paragraph, and lets continue reading in chapter 4 from verse 13 to 16:

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

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The Spirit has been given to us by Jesus. In fact, Jesus told us that HE HAS TO DEPART from this world, SO THAT the Holy Spirit can come into this world. Jesus tells us straight up, that when the Holy Spirit comes, he will comfort us... he will guide us, and he will CONVICT US of our sins... He will bring to light the things that need to be done away with, so that we

can repent of the things that are in us that are not of God, and we can clearly see the things that ARE OF GOD, so that we can actively pursue *those* things.

But according to John, the Holy Spirit is NOT the only spirit that exists in our world. Just in this passage alone, John tells us that there is a spirit of antichrist... we did a whole sermon on antichrists a few weeks ago, it is the Greek word "*antichristos*" and it means "instead of Christ" or "in the place of Christ" - It is a spirit which aims to show us that Jesus is NOT actually God.

and the reason that I want to highlight that for you before we get to into this, is I do want you to understand something... John gives us a guide... He gives us some basic rules... some ways to spot false prophets...

And his guide for spotting false prophets is quite a bit different than the way that we think of it today.

Today, we often call someone a false prophet, if we disagree with them. If they take a different stance politically from us... or if they read a passage in the Bible and they are *genuinely* convicted IN A DIFFERENT WAY THAN WE ARE. This is where that old phrase comes into play... in essentials... UNITY... in non-essentials... Liberty.

Give room for people to view things from a lens that is different than you view them through.

I think, especially when it comes to difficult topics, and controversial topics, within the church we have to give each other enough room to be different. I think that is part of what makes us a body...

if I only ever talked to people who believe all of the same things as I do, then it would be like talking in to a mirror all the time.

There are people who study just a select few passages their entire lives... that's what they dedicate their lives work to, and they draw different conclusions than others who did a similar study. and if people can study something their entire lives and draw different conclusions about it from someone else who has DONE THE SAME STUDY, there has to be

something in there THAT IS AT LEAST WORTH TALKING ABOUT, don't you think?

and I want to encourage you, when talking with someone who believes different than you do... can we at least be open to what each other are saying? can we at LEAST be empathetic to the things that each other are FEELING... and above everything else, as we wrestle with the issues of our day together, CAN WE AT LEAST STRIVE AS BEST AS WE CAN, TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE HEART OF JESUS IS ON THAT ISSUE?

it sounds like a cheesy bracelet from the 90s, but if we aren't asking ourselves what would Jesus do? How would Jesus handle this? and we are just trying to figure it out on our own, it is likely that we are going to come to the wrong conclusions, and then frame God into a mold that fits whatever conclusion we have drawn. Which is backwards, and the fastest way to fall out of the truth WHILE BELIEVING TO HAVE THE TRUTH.

But I think that its important when someone says something that we disagree with, that we ask ourselves this question: what led them to that belief? what led them to that conviction?

and if that conclusion does DENY Christ... it does say "NO, Christ did not come in the flesh... which we will explain the significance of saying that in a minute..." but if they say that, then yes... that person is proclaiming something false... something *antichristo*.

But if they say Jesus did come in the flesh... what does John say? Thats a good Spirit. There might be something in there of value. So at that point, its worth listening and wrestling with what they are saying even if we don't immediately agree, or ever end up agreeing with them.

That is part of what it means to be a body. Understanding each other. We don't have to agree on everything, to get along.

But here is what we do have to agree on:

It is verse 2 and verse 3.

**every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh** is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is **not** from God. This is the **spirit of the antichrist**, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

Do we confess Jesus? That He came from God, in the flesh?

The Greek word “*sarx*” is ONE the most important words in the entire Bible. It is the word flesh, and it literally means “the soft substance of the LIVING body” it is skin that can be torn... it is bones that can break... it is blood that can be spilled out. “*sarx*” also describes humanity, and our human nature that is prone to sin.

It is everything vulnerable. It can be hurt. It can be killed. It can be mocked. It can be confused. It can be sad. It can be depressed. It can feel ALL OF THE SAME FEELINGS THAT YOU FEEL.

Its a crucial, loaded word.

The Gospel of John begins by saying that in the beginning was the Word... yet again, another INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT GREEK WORD... the *logos* -

Try and hang with me on these Greek words because this will help you understand the Gospel more clearly. The word “*logos*” means “Word” - it is used here as a reference to the Bible that we had leading up to the time of Jesus. Even Exodus 20, the Ten Commandments are translated in Greek as *deka logos*. The ten words. We did a whole series on that a couple of years ago... The *logos* is all of it. Every story, every prophecy, every law, every command... it is all summed up in this word: *logos*.

“*logos*” comes from the same word that we get “logic” “(*logue*)” from. As in: “its logical” - the sensible answer, the right answer for your life.

if you want to know how to distinguish between what is reality in your life, and that which is a lie, start with the Word of God. If you want to be able to understand God’s best for you, and yet you are living in a world that has so many voices that are so loud trying to lead you somewhere else... the right

answers... the only logical, helpful answers that will lead you to the right places, ARE IN the Word.

The *logos* was everything to people leading up to the coming of Jesus. In it described the best way to live... the way to way to interact with people.. how to treat strangers when they come to your house... how to handle conflict when it arises... in the *logos* was prophesy after prophesy of what was to come... in the *logos* was the hope of a future, that was BRIGHTER than the world they were living in, in that moment. It was everything.

But watch this:

a couple of verses later in John's Gospel account, John 1:14 says "and the Word (the *logos*) became SARX.

So something happened at this incredible moment in history... when everything logical, everything written... everything we ever believed in and believed for, and WERE WAITING FOR AND WERE HOPING FOR... suddenly took the form of something familiar.

Something we can love, just like we love our Mothers and Fathers and Children and Spouses and friends, because WE KNOW that they have value, and that our lives would be missing something, if they were not in it...

*logos* became something we can love.

and it became something that we also can break.

but watch this... it says that the *logos* became *sarx*...

and dwelt among us... thats how it is translated, but what it literally says is that the Word became flesh and TABERNACLED among us. Dwelled is the Greek word "*skēnoō*" (ski-nah-oh) and it means "tabernacle"

Which you may hear and think "what on earth?"

But by the time that John's Gospel had been written, and for SURE by the time that it was began being circulated among people, it would have been after 70 A.D.

In 70 A.D. Titus lead a charge in seizing the Jewish Temple... and because the Temple was so beautiful he commanded his soldiers to NOT destroy the temple, but through the attack on it a fire broke out an eventually the entire temple was destroyed. Which of course that would happen, because its exactly what Jesus said would happen. In Mark 13 Jesus tells His disciples: "do you see this temple that you say is so beautiful? Not one brick of it will is going to last, the entire thing will be destroyed."

The temple was everything to Jews. It was the place that they believed that God dwelled. They believed that nobody could get to God, except through the temple...

And by the time this Gospel account would have been written and made its way to its readers... that temple... the last standing tabernacle... would have just been destroyed ONCE AND FOR ALL.

no more tabernacle.

Which sent people into a frenzy... the religious leaders realized: we have to rethink how we do everything now that we don't have this building.

But John's words here about Jesus were explaining that the physical building may be gone, BUT THAT THE TABERNACLE REMAINS. and in fact, losing that temple is what it took for some people to realize this about Jesus. (That He Himself was the temple)

Jesus Himself said these words:

Destroy "this temple" and by "this temple" He was talking about HIMSELF... He said "destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up again."

and everyone who heard it was so offended and they were like "it took 46 years to build the Temple... how are you going to do it in 3 days?" Because

nobody understood at that time, that when Jesus Christ came into the world... the Word became Flesh... He became the Temple... He became the access point to God and everyone had access.

John's opening lines tell us:

God is not confined to a tent... nor is He confined to a temple. He took on flesh, and he dwelt among us... He tabernacled among us... The presence of God followed Jesus everywhere that He went because He was God Himself.

They would have read this, and they would have thought about their precious building in which not even one stone remained, and they would have heard "its here... its now... it exists without walls. it exists without prejudices, everyone is invited... and this temple is greater than Herod's temple or any of the previous attempts at building tabernacles, and setting up tents and boxing God in, because this temple is ALIVE.

So the *logos* became *sarx* and tabernacled...

Lets put it like this: Jesus Christ is everything you have ever known and needed embodied in one person. He is LITERALLY GOD, and He is with you today. And He is FOR YOU TODAY. And He is as close to you as the air that you breathe... *today*.

And you don't have to go to the temple to find Him, because He is the temple, and though we destroyed Him..... because He LET US (by becoming flesh... by becoming breakable... by becoming someone who feels the things we feel and faces the things we face... as Hebrews puts it "He was tempted as we are, BUT IS WITHOUT SIN.")

Because He let us, we destroyed Him...

but He raised that temple back up in only three days, and our God is alive... and He has come for everyone.

God is NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS.



and the reason it is so important to understand SARX... to understand flesh... is because when John in this letter tells us that anyone who denies that Jesus came in the flesh is NOT OF GOD... what John is saying is that ANYONE WHO DENIES THE GOSPEL, IS NOT OF GOD.

That person has the spirit of antichrist. Something has control of them that is DIFFERENT THAN JESUS, telling them that they don't actually need Jesus...

and there is no greater lie.

But notice what John says after that... he tells us that we have overcome them... we have overcome the lies... we have overcome the spirit of antichrist... because:

He who is in you is *greater* than he who is in the world.

The word "greater" is the Greek word "*meizōn*" (My-Zon) and another way you could say it is larger, or stronger. The Holy Spirit, in you... Christ IN YOU the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27) - Paul even says that now "YOUR BODY IS THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT" (1 Corinthians 6:19)

the Spirit that is living in you right now IS larger... stronger... MORE POWERFUL than the things that come against you in this life.

The Spirit living in you is stronger and makes YOU stronger than your anxiety... than your fears... than your fleshly desires.

Stronger is He who lives in you, than depression.

Larger is He who lives in you, than your bills... or the financial disaster you may have found yourself in.

Beyond that, we believe that the Spirit empowers us for mission, not just self help... and the truth is that: The Spirit living in you is STRONGER than the spirit out there in the world that we are called to face!!!

You see, I don't believe that the Devil can do much to a person who IS genuinely and completely convinced that the Gospel is everything to them. The devil really likes guilt... he really likes to use that against you. But if you understand the Gospel, though CONVICTION may play a role in moving your life forward... you understand that you don't need to dwell on things like guilt... because its been taken care of.

But if the devil can get you to take your eyes off of Jesus... OFF of the one who IS STRONGER... OFF OF THE ONE WHO IS BIGGER... Who ALWAYS OVERCOMES...

if he can get you to take your eyes off of Jesus and on to yourself, and your problems... then it becomes very easy to bring those lies to your mind that tell you that you are worthless... that tell you that you are a failure... that you are too far gone... that there is no hope.

If you take your eyes off of hope... what do you have?

You have nothing.

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you know, last week we had some really high profile people commit suicide. It was just absolutely tragic... and one of the things that it reminded us of is the fact money doesn't solve problems. It doesn't make life okay WHEN it is not okay. Its proof that you can have everything, and yet still feel like you have nothing worth living for.

On Monday, just a few days ago, we received word that a very close friend of ours in California passed away.

To be truthful, Dawn and I may not be here with you guys right now if it wasn't for this person... we may still be wandering around LA trying to figure out our purpose. We probably would have gotten decent at surfing and may even be living on a boat. Who knows.

He was very instrumental in our lives, in finding us a good place to live, he was very instrumental at the Dream Center and in helping make sure that

we were promoted at the right times, and that we had the opportunities that we had... He was the person who signed off on first sending us to New York when the church initially got planted and we were going back and forth. We have spent time with him at his house, and been out to eat with him many times.

and though I hadn't talked much to him in the last couple of years besides a couple emails...

BECAUSE I do try and keep up with things out there, I DID KNOW that for him, a lot of things had changed... and I did worry about him.

And right away, the first thing that I thought when I heard that he was gone, was: "God, I hope that he didn't kill himself." - Dawn said the same thing...

Sarah, our children's pastor, who also used to live in LA and knew this person said that she thought the same thing.

The next day we saw several messages and posts confirming that he did.

and as awful as this sounds, when I found that part out, it was not a surprise... it was a confirmation.

Here is where we have to just be honest, okay? Because I don't have the answer to this.

but how did we all know, from the moment that we heard? it wasn't just us three... it was everyone.

Was it just the Holy Spirit? Or was it a reality check, because over the last couple of years we had all watched as everything that he had dedicated his entire life to, suddenly wasn't there anymore.

and what do you do with the things that you DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH? Like, I knew this person was struggling... I knew that they felt alone... I had a feeling that they even felt abandoned... but I was thousands of miles away... and I didn't know what to do.

and I don't know for sure... but I can't help but wonder, IF ANYONE KNEW WHAT TO DO.

Another person that I know, I know this person a lot less but we are Facebook friends and a few months ago I saw her post and the post said something like this: if ever there was a time that I needed someone, it is right now. If anyone could please just come and visit me, that is what I need.

Clear. Concise. Obviously a hurting person in that moment. And again, I am no better, because I didn't get in my car and drive to Lansing that day to be with my Facebook friend who I hadn't seen in 15 years... but I did read the comments... and EVERY SINGLE COMMENT was an excuse.

Every comment was the reason that they could not be there. "I have three kids... I am leaving for a trip..." whatever it may be. It sounded just like the excuses when Jesus was calling the disciples... I can't right now, because... I will go... but first...

and that person is okay, they didn't do anything crazy...

But as I read these excuses I just wondered... are these Spirit led responses to this person's need? Because they sound like the opposite of Jesus. and again, I WAS NO BETTER. My excuse was it was too far to drive, and also that it was a person that I really didn't even know.

The last verse we read today said that: "anyone who abides in LOVE, abides in Christ." The way we respond is a direct reflection of whether or not the Spirit of God lives in us. Or at least whether or not we are listening to Him.

and I just feel like the world has so many layers of brokenness right now, that we have got to be sensitive to whatever it is that the Spirit is trying to tell us... because more than ever, every voice you may hear in your heart and in your head needs to be taken seriously... and what you do with that may be the difference in someone else's life.

And last week we talked about our hearts... and about how the Devil wants to confuse our hearts... he wants to take away our purpose, he wants to take away our joy. He wants to take away our reason for getting up in the morning. And whether he does it through mental illness, through loneliness, through depression, through anxiety, through boredom, through overworking...

He knows what those triggers are in your life and if you let him, HE WILL USE THOSE TRIGGERS AGAINST YOU. But he is SO MUCH LESS POWERFUL THAN JESUS. Greater is He who lives in you... STRONGER IS HE WHO LIVES IN YOU... than anything that exists in this broken, messed up world ruled by the Father of lies.

But if you have ever known anyone who has committed suicide, then you are familiar with what happens on the other side of something so tragic. You are familiar with the shock, the sadness, the questions.

and all sorts of people now have a sort of, low laying guilt... a little voice that at least asks the question "could I have done more?" "what if I had made that phone call?" "what if I had reached out?"

"what if I had told that person that I loved them?"

"what if I had made it a point to tell that person the impact that they had on my life?"

"what if I told that person HOW MUCH THEY MEAN TO ME..."

and of course, APART FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT, we have NO WAY of knowing what is going on in the depths of people's hearts... we have no way of knowing... we can't diagnose all of that... sometimes all we can do is love people...

but without any special knowledge of what may be going on... love is the most powerful weapon against the powers of evil... its the most powerful weapon against the voices of guilt and shame and loneliness...

A man came up to me just a few weeks ago... I taught ON THE ANTICHRIST that Sunday... probably one of the toughest messages we gave all year, and yet the LOVE of God spoke through that moment in such a way that afterwards he came up to me and told me “that sermon changed my whole life... I was literally trying to figure out the best way to kill myself... and now I know that I have hope”

THAT IS HOW POWERFUL JESUS IS... that he can use a fast talking, yet often timid voice like the one that I have, and use it to pierce the heart of someone who has something DEEP going on in his own heart that nobody else knows about.

Sometimes you hear about the wins. Sometimes you win and you don't even know it. And sometimes it feels like you didn't win.

for example... I know you have seen this if it ever happened to someone you know..

When our friend died last week, the showers of love, and SHOCK, and sadness came pouring in from every direction. People all around the world calling each other, texting each other... posting pictures... people just like Dawn and I, who's entire lives were moved in a *different, better* direction because of the common factor of this person, who we all loved...

but for what ever reason that love was not enough to keep that man alive.

And I just kept thinking as I saw post after post, dedication after dedication... memory after memory after memory... picture after picture...

I thought IF ONLY HE COULD SEE THIS... *maybe* it would change things. If only he were reminded on Monday morning of how many people out there still believe in him... of what it could have done for the rest of that fateful day for him.

and because I am human, and I want to be transparent, I have to tell you that I think... “That is NOT SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN because GREATER IS HE WHO IS IN ME THAN HE WHO IS IN THE WORLD”

## HOW DID SOMETHING SO DARK WIN?

and I wish I could tell you that I knew the answer. But I do know this:

The Holy Spirit... the Spirit who lives IN you, is NOT the only spirit in this world. We are in a war... There is a war for our hearts... a war for our minds... a war for our children... a war for our cities. There is a war even for our churches.

and *though* I don't know what happened this week with our friend, I do know that: sometimes darkness wins the battle simply because no light shows up.

John's Gospel says (John 1:5) the when Jesus came into the world, A LIGHT CAME, that darkness can not overcome... In fact, we did a whole message on 1 John 1 when it says that God is light, and IN HIM IS NO DARKNESS AT ALL.

But Jesus says that we are the bearers of that light... the carriers of the light... and nobody, having a light in a dark room, hides that light under a basket, where nobody can see it. (Matthew 5:15)

we must abide in the light... we must shine the light...

and when I look back at this week, and I see the light that was SHINED from me and FROM OTHERS AFTER the fact... it only proves that the light was there all along.

This is the point... its not meant to be condemnation... its NOT meant to be guilt... its meant to say that we just do NOT know what other people are going through... and even when we get a glimpse, its not always easy to know how to respond.

we don't know what the person sitting next to us went through this week, or what they may be anxious about in this very moment... we don't know what is going on in the mind of the person in the car that just cut us off.

we don't know.

But what we do know is that God is light... and He has given us THE EXAMPLE OF HOW to interact with others, no matter what they have done to you... no matter what we think that they deserve...

and that is love. Whoever abides in love, abides in God.

And the factor here that I want to plead with you to NOT IGNORE is the Holy Spirit. God gave us the Holy Spirit to lead us to the places that we would never even think to go on our own. I know that God's Spirit is what drew Dawn and I to Los Angeles... I know that God's Spirit is what lead Dawn and I to Detroit. Its the same Holy Spirit that I ask to be evident and obvious and present every time I get up here and talk... that a few weeks ago, somehow through my broken sermon touched someone else's heart who was ready to end his life.

The Spirit guides us. He is always moving. He is always at work.

I am proud of the churches response this week to what we keep hearing about with kids and parents being separated at borders... Almost every pastor who has spoken up at all, and a LOT OF THEM HAVE... has said "we need to do something about this." Even the people who want us to be strict on immigration. I mean it is Father's Day and they are separated from their kids. But I am proud that people are standing together and saying "lets do better." WE CAN BE BETTER. WE CAN MAKE IT BETTER.

because sometimes something is just so so so dark, you know... "I can't hide my light under a basket anymore, and I am going to use every bit of influence that I DO HAVE to make sure that people who are living in such darkness, get a taste of hope."

We know that God abides in us... because He gives us the Holy Spirit...

We know that we abide in God, because HE has GIVEN US OF His Spirit.

We know that God loves us, because He sent us Jesus.



and there are a MILLION REASONS why it matters that Jesus came in the FLESH. But here is one practical one.

Jesus came in the flesh so that THAT FLESH (His Flesh) could be destroyed, for you... because that is how much Jesus VALUES YOU. His flesh was ripped apart, so that yours wouldn't have to be... it was the ultimate demonstration OF JUST HOW MUCH YOU ARE WORTH.

of just how much those children are worth who are missing their parents and feel alone in this place that is completely foreign to them.

of just how much my friend in California is worth...

The Gospel is STRONGER. But people need to see it. People need to know that it is there. People need to be reminded that death will not have the final word... that sometimes even broken pieces can be put back together...

that there is life AFTER depression... there is life AFTER losing your job... or even losing your marriage...

there is life after falling into bankruptcy... or foreclosure. There is hope after the biggest failure of your entire life, whatever it may have been.

But it is only found in Jesus. And people need to know... JESUS IS REAL... AND HE IS HERE... AND HE LOVES YOU.

1 John 1:1... the whole letter starts out by John telling us "we saw Jesus with our eyes... we touched Jesus with our hands."

The word became flesh... and we encountered that flesh...

and we had conversations with that flesh... and we watched that flesh live a perfect life... and we watched that flesh be torn apart!!! we saw it with our eyes... and that is why we write. That is why we speak. That is why so many have given their lives to further the message of hope.

This is not Santa Claus. This is not Superman. Its not a nice fun myth to make ourselves feel good... THIS IS REALITY... THIS IS LOGOS. THIS IS EVERYTHING.

it is as real as it comes...

and there will always be things in life... things that will seem just as real, that will weigh you down, and will try to confuse your hearts... and even try to condemn your hearts...

But God is greater than our hearts. God is larger... He is stronger...

So yes... test the spirits... test what people tell you is true. Test what I tell you is true. But even more importantly than testing the spirit of the things that you hear, is ABIDING IN THE SPIRIT that Christ has given to you.

Because thats the Spirit that will show you how be light in the darkest places... and thats the Spirit that will be the light for you when you are in your darkest place.

Don't over emphasize one part of the passage and miss the part about what God is doing IN YOU.

if all we do is look for the things that people are saying wrong, or doing wrong, we will miss the things that are right, and are good, and are helpful.

If we are always looking for problems, all we will ever see are problems. But we have living in us THE SOLUTION.

It is the Spirit that will be a light when the real false spirits are trying to do something antichrist. GOD WILL ALWAYS OVERCOME, AS LONG AS WE SHOW UP.

Lets listen to the Spirit, and let's show up in people's lives. Let's show up in our kids lives. Let's listen to how the Spirit would have us to respond to the things happening in our world... the things happening in people's lives.

Let's listen to the Spirit as to how we can be parents to the kids who don't have parents... Father's to the kids who don't have Father's. Let's listen, but then lets show up. God will always overcome, as long as we show up.