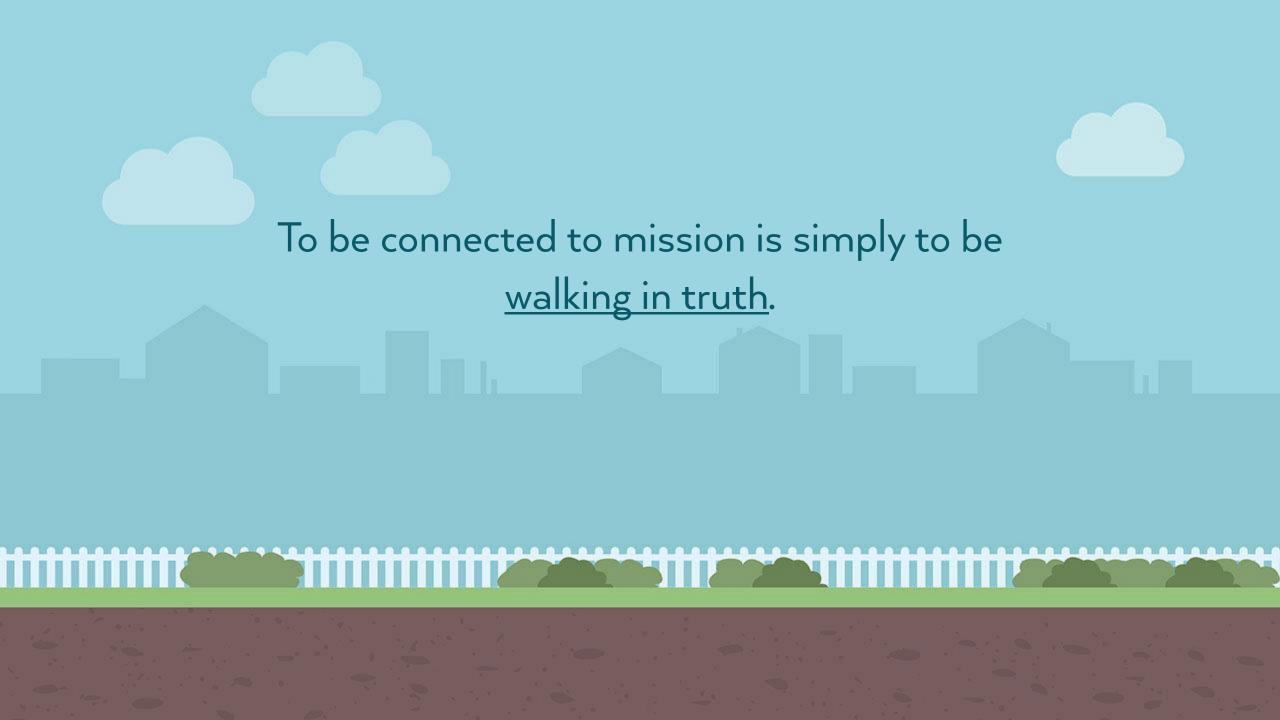


## DISCONNECTED FROM MISSION

3 John 1-8



"For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers came and testified to your truth, as indeed you are walking in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

"Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain."

"We don't love our neighbors because they're Muslim, or cultural Christian, or Druid, we love them because they are our neighbors."

Nothing brings church leaders more joy than to see their people walking in truth, which is to say, connected to mission.

Believers connected to <u>mission</u> are to also be connected to <u>missions</u>.

They are <u>rope holders</u>.



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Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God.

For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Pagans. Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth."

Love for missions and missionaries is normative Christianity.

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God's people, the <u>local Church</u>, supporting missionaries is a <u>biblical</u>, <u>Christ-honoring model</u>.

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Support for our missionaries should be <u>abundant</u>.

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We want to be connected to mission and missions because we want to honor Jesus.

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