

**Navigating the tension: The strands of our fellowship
2 John 1-6**

In a world of convenient commitments, how do church members remain faithful to their covenant community when it leads to sacrifice?

Members of a local church remain faithful to their covenant communities when...

- I. They acknowledge God's sovereign election, direction, and provision in their family of faith 2 John 1-3.**
 - a. The unity of believers in truth and love (cf. John 17:16-23, Pr. 3:1-4).
 - b. God's sovereign election, direction, and provision (will be with us v. 3).
- II. They are uncompromisingly committed to both the abiding truth and love of God the Father and his Son Jesus Christ embodied in their family of faith 2 John 4-6.**
- III. They answer God's call to raise a new generation of Christ followers paving the way for their walk in obedience to God's word. 2 John 4-6.**

**In a world of convenient commitments
God's family must set the standard for sacrificial promise keeping
Demonstrating the truth of God's words by the love of their works.**

1. Are you becoming a more trustworthy person or simply more knowledgeable?
Intellectual knowledge without character is not the goal of our walk in Christ. To navigate successfully the tension of truth we must be willing to believe and live what we know is true. How are you demonstrating wisdom by strengthening the fellowship of God's family?
2. Are you abiding in loving fellowship with others or isolating yourself? Have you taken the step of formalizing your commitment to the body of Christ through baptism and membership?
3. Are you involved or committed?