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MESSAGE NOTE

Alive in Christ

1 John 1:1-4 James Brown

1. With us from the beginning

1 John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—

Jesus is the Word of Life. When we enter into a relationship with Him, He gives us new life. He brings resurrection power to every area of our hearts and lives. We come alive in Christ because He is our creator God who has been with us from the beginning.

2. The power of testimony

1 John 1:2 The life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—

When we proclaim our new life in Jesus, we bring other people to Him. There is power in our words of testimony. The whole New Testament is written based on first hand eyewitness testimony.

3. Joyful relationships

1 John 1:3-4 That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

The most valuable thing in life is our relationships. God created us to be in relationship with Him and with other people. Our joy is made complete through fellowship with one another, fellowship with God the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.