



## 2 John – A Story of Truth & Love

I, the elder, am writing this letter. I am sending it to the chosen lady and her children. I love all of you because of the truth. I'm not the only one who loves you. So does everyone who knows the truth. **2 John 1** (NirV)

- This short story is \_\_\_\_\_ God and written \_\_\_\_\_ John.

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. **2 Timothy 3:16** (NLT)

The main thing to keep in mind here is that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of private opinion. <sup>21</sup> And why? Because it's not something concocted in the human heart. Prophecy resulted when the Holy Spirit prompted men and women to speak God's Word. **2 Peter 1:20-21** (MP)

### ➤ IT IS BECAUSE OF GOD AND JOHN'S LOVE THAT ...

- 1. Their story calls me to \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>2</sup> because of the truth, which lives in us and will be with us forever: <sup>3</sup> Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in truth and love. **2 John 2-3** (NIV)

- Truth is mentioned \_\_\_\_\_ times in the first \_\_\_\_\_ verses.

"... I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." <sup>38a</sup> "What is truth?" retorted Pilate ... **John 18:37b-38a** (NIV)

Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. **John 17:17** (NIV)

The Man of Evil will use every kind of evil to fool those who are lost. They are lost because they refused to love the truth and be saved. **2 Thessalonians 2:10** (MP)

- 2. Their story calls me to \_\_\_\_\_.

It has given me great joy to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as the Father commanded us. **2 John 4** (NIV)

Jesus said to the people who believed in Him, "You are truly My disciples if you remain faithful to My teachings." **John 8:31** (NLT)

And now, dear lady, I am not writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning. I ask that we love one another. <sup>6</sup> And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love. **2 John 5-6** (NIV)

"If you love me, keep my commands ... <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them ..." <sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. **John 14: 15, 21, 23-24** (NIV)

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. **James 1:22** (NIV)

- 3. The story calls me to \_\_\_\_\_.

I say this because many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist. <sup>8</sup> Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully. <sup>9</sup> Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. <sup>10</sup> If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take them into your house or welcome them. <sup>11</sup> Anyone who welcomes them shares in their wicked work. **2 John 7 -11** (NIV)

- Three popular lies 2 John refutes:

LIE #1: "I can \_\_\_\_\_ God and not obey God."

LIE #2: "I can be \_\_\_\_\_ to God and not \_\_\_\_\_ to His family."

LIE #3: "My \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't matter as long as I believe in God."

... the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. **2 Timothy 4:3-4** (NIV)

... Blessed is the one who does not condemn himself by what he approves. **Romans 14:22b** (NIV)