

Sunday – March 8, 2026



“Discerning Truth in a Confusing World”
1 John 2:18 through 1 John 3:10

Big Idea: You can stand firm in a confusing world because the _____ anchors you in _____.

INTRODUCTION — WHEN EVERYTHING FEELS UNCERTAIN

We live in a world with more _____ than ever before, but less clarity about _____.

Confusion is not a sign that God is losing control — it is a reminder that we need to stand _____.

CONFUSION REVEALS WHAT TIME IT IS - 1 John 2:18–19

“Children, it is the last hour...”

Confusion does not mean faith is failing. It means _____ is required.

False teaching often comes from the _____.

Not everyone who appears connected is truly _____.

Key Truth:

The presence of deception calls us to _____, not despair.

THE SPIRIT ANCHORS ME IN WHAT IS TRUE - 1 John 2:20–27

“You have an anointing from the Holy One...”

The Spirit does not just _____ me —He _____ me.

The Spirit helps believers:

- Recognize what is _____
- Resist what is _____
- Remain in what they have _____

I don’t need a new truth — I need to _____ in the truth we have already received.

REMAINING IN TRUTH SHAPES HOW I LIVE - 1 John 2:28–3:3

“See what great love the Father has given us...”

Truth is not only something I _____.

It is something I _____.

Because we are God’s _____:

- My _____ is secure
- My _____ is shaped by hope

Hope does not make me careless —hope makes me _____.

TRUTH PRODUCES A DISTINCTIVE LIFE - 1 John 3:4–10

Truth shows up in _____, not perfection.

John is not saying believers never _____.

He is saying sin no longer defines our _____.

A life rooted in truth will show:

- A growing desire for _____
- A growing discomfort with _____
- A growing expression of _____

We do not live rightly to become God’s children. We live rightly because we already _____.

CONCLUSION — STANDING FIRM WITHOUT FEAR

My confidence is not in: Better _____, Louder _____, Stricter _____

My confidence is in: The _____ who abides, The _____ who saves, The _____ who loves

This Time Tomorrow

- What voices are shaping my thinking right now?
- Where do I need to remain more deeply in Christ?
- What step of obedience is God inviting me to take today?