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Greetings!

Thanks for clicking this weeks SelahGram. Karyn and I pray it causes you to pause and ponder: Selah.

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The Distinguishing Mark



I Love the Message Translation's 1John 1 account portraying John's amazingly simple summary of our fundamental purpose, calling and ministry. ...So simple, it requires little commentary.



1Jn 1:1 MSG *From the very first day, we were there, taking it all in--we heard it with our own ears, saw it with our own eyes, verified it with our own hands. 2 The Word of Life appeared right before our eyes; we saw it happen! And now we're telling you in most sober prose that what we witnessed was, incredibly, this: The infinite Life of God himself took shape before us. 3 We saw it, we heard it, and now we're telling you so you can experience it along with us, **this experience of communion with the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ.** 4 Our motive for writing is simply this: We want you to enjoy this, too. Your joy will double our joy! 5 **This, in essence, is the message we heard from Christ and are passing on to you.***

The Amplified Bible's phrasing of vs.3 further underscores the worship basis of this discussion. *What we have seen and [ourselves] heard, we are also telling you, so that you too may realize and enjoy fellowship... And [this] fellowship that we have [which is a distinguishing mark of Christians] is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ (the Messiah).*

Additionally...

1Jn.2:6 MSG
Anyone who claims to be intimate with God ought to live the same kind of life Jesus lived.

7 *My dear friends, I'm not writing anything new here. This is the oldest commandment in the book, and you've known it from day one. It's always been implicit in the Message*

Worship. The distinguishing mark. Selah

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1Jn.2:14 MSG,
*...Your fellowship
with God enables
you to gain a
victory over the Evil
One.*

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