



Streams of Faith: From First Love to Deep Wells

1 John 2:2-14

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1 John 2:12-14 breaks the journey of faith into 3 stages:

Children

- ¹² I am writing to you, dear children,
because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name.
¹⁴ I write to you, dear children,
because you know the Father.

Those who are strong in faith

- ¹³ I am writing to you, young men,
because you have overcome the evil one.
¹⁴ I write to you, young men,
because you are strong,
and the word of God lives in you,
and you have overcome the evil one.

Those who are mature

- ¹³ I am writing to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.
¹⁴ I write to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.

Our journey of faith can be likened to a flow of water from:

- a spring, where faith begins
- to a river, active and strong, yet needing guidance
- to a reservoir, deep and expansive.

John is pulling all of us in through this imagery. We're in this together.

Ps. 78:2-7

- ² . . . I will teach you hidden lessons from our past—
³ stories we have heard and known,
stories our ancestors handed down to us.
⁴ We will not hide these truths from our children;
we will tell the next generation
about the glorious deeds of the Lord,
about his power and his mighty wonders.
⁵ For he issued his laws to Jacob;
he gave his instructions to Israel.
He commanded our ancestors
to teach them to their children,
⁶ so the next generation might know them—
even the children not yet born—
and they in turn will teach their own children.
⁷ So each generation should set its hope anew on God,
not forgetting his glorious miracles
and obeying his commands.

The Power of your story.

“. . . children who have the most self-confidence have . . .
. a strong intergenerational self. They know they belong
to something bigger than themselves.”

Who do you belong to?