

For the Sake of the Truth:

2 John 5

(5) And now, I'm asking you, lady, not as one writing a new commandment to you, rather that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another.

1. "And now"
 - Why does John use "now?"
 - What tone does this communicate?
2. "I am asking you"
 - What do you think John means by "ask?"
 - Why do you think he phrases it this way?
3. "Lady"
 - Who is he addressing?
 - Why is this relevant for us today?
4. "Not as one writing a new commandment to you"
 - Where is the emphasis?
 - Why is the emphasis here? To what is John reacting?
 - Who is "you"?
5. "Rather that which we had from the beginning"
 - Why the strong adversative ("rather")?
 - Who is "we"?
 - Why does he say "we"?
 - What did they receive?
 - When did they receive it?
6. "That we love one another"
 - How is John using the word "that" here?
 - Who is "we"?
 - Who is the "one another"?
 - What does it mean to "love" one another?