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(1 John 4:13) This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.

(1 John 3:24) The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

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(1 John 5:1) Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well.

(John 8:42) Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent me.

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(1 John 2:23) No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

4. You have a desire to _____.

(1 John 2:3) We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands.

(Romans 7:22-23) For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.

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(Galatians 4:6 NKJV) And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, **crying out**, "Abba, Father!"

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7. You have a love for _____.

(1 John 1:7) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

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Which one of these traits do you need to grow in?

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