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1 John 5:13

One of the main reasons many Christians fail to serve God joyfully is their uncertainty about where they stand with Him. They don't understand the basic nature of their relationship with the Lord and, as a result, hold back from dedicating themselves fully to His service.

You probably have seen similar types of hesitancy played out in day-to-day life. For example, perhaps you're acquainted with a man and a woman who are known as the "on again, off again" couple—the pair who seem to dance around the idea of relationship but somehow never quite seem able to commit. It's difficult to make that life-changing decision when you're not sure how the other person feels about you, isn't it?

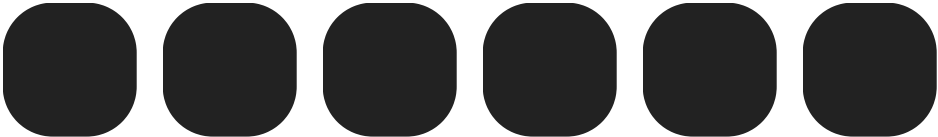
The same thing holds true in your life of faith. No one wants a spouse—or a Savior—who might leave at any time, for any reason. No, we want certainty. And when that is missing, the whole context of the relationship is out of balance.

The apostle John was surely thinking about this as the Holy Spirit inspired him to write the beautiful word of encouragement we find in 1 John 5:13. What was his purpose in writing? "That you may know that you have eternal life" (emphasis added).

John was writing to bring certainty to uncertain believers. He wanted them to know that there was no "off again" time for anyone who had engaged in a relationship with the Father. Because God is your constant companion, you can trust that He is faithful—eternally.

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