**3 John 1:1-6 NIV**

The elder, To my dear friend Gaius, whom I love in the truth. Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well. It gave me great joy to have some brothers come and tell about your faithfulness to the truth and how you continue to walk in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth. Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers, even though they are strangers to you. They have told the church about your love. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God.

* Thank You for your preserved Word over all of these generations. Thank You for the word in my native tongue, that I can read, and understand. Many people don’t have this, I pray for You to bring them translators and help, so they can have it too.
* Thank You for the many dear friends that You’ve given me. Thank You for the moments they’ve taken to write to me, to encourage me, and to remind of how loved I am by them.
* I also thank you for the faithfulness I see in others in our faith community here. No matter how far along in years the person is, I see faithfulness and love abounding.
* It gives me great joy to hear about the “kick starter” group. Bless Allen for his faithfulness as he shares his life with these young ones. Help them all come and be eager to learn and grow in fellowship.
* It gives me great joy to imagine how special the women's fellowship time will be next week.
* The men gather for breakfast, and that too gives me great joy as I know how much they enjoy it.
* This week I’ve been delighting in…
* Thank You for the joy you place in me. I can’t have joy on my own apart from You. I give You all credit.
* Help me to continue to walk in the truth, in all situations, all days.
* For those who are expeireinceing trials of many kinds, and health hardships, be their daily bread.
* Keep my mind rooted in truth, so that my feet will follow.
* Keep my words, rooted in truth, so that encouragement and edification follows as a result of what I speak.
* Thank You for all of those who have “sent me along in love.” Now I get to prepare others to go forward in love. Help me as I influence …
* Prepare my heart for this week. Help me be present now, and hear You.

**In Jesus’ Name, Amen.**