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## Connect

### [1 John 1](#)

*That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. (1 John 1:1 (NIV))*

We are about half-way through this season of Lent as we reach out and read this verse. What is it saying? What is our connection?

John is telling us that Jesus has always been with us, from the beginning of time. We, some of us, have heard, seen and touched Him.

We are connected to one another and to Him by our senses. We see Him in His wonderful creation: billowing clouds, colorful sunsets, twinkling stars, and shining sun and moon.

We are connected by touch: the loving hugs we receive from our family and loved ones. The reaching out, whether it be by telephone or cards, to those who are no longer able to be out of their homes.

We are connected by the smell of His works: clean fresh air after a gentle falling rain, the fragrance of the flowers in bloom, and fresh mowed grass.

We are connected by hearing: the sound of refreshing raindrops falling on a tin roof or the wind whistling through the trees.

We are connected by taste: when we enjoy eating nourishing fruits and vegetables grown because He gave the foresight to farmers and growers.

The senses are mentioned in the verse; and it connects those who will let Him be part of their lives -- the life Jesus offers freely. He accepts us where and as we are; He knows our every thought, understands our aches, pains, sorrows, and joys. There is no hiding from Him. He will be right by your side every step of the way. He gives us life. He, and He alone, is the essence of life, the meaning of life!

***Prayer:** Heavenly Father, thank you for your Son, Jesus, who connects me to life in the Word. Allow me to use my senses to show others how to walk in Your great love. Amen.*

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