



MOMENTUM: THE GOSPEL IN MOTION
JESUS DRAWS NEAR | JOHN 1:1-18
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"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, [g] he has made him known." - John 1:1-18

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- **Preexistence** – "in the beginning was the Word"
- **Coexistence** – "and the Word was with God"
- **Divine Existence** – "and the Word was God."

How can we gain momentum in our walk with Christ in 2026?
Momentum begins when Jesus draws near to us.

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Faith & Obedience

"He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made." - John 1:2-3

Jesus holds all things together.

"And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together." - Colossians 1:17

Jesus completes what He starts.



"And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." - Philippians 1:6

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Knowing the light in us is stronger than the darkness around us.

"In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." - John 1:4-5

"for 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we are indeed his offspring.'" - Acts 17:28

- **Illumination:** Light is offered to every person.
- **Sovereignty:** There is no evil that can compare to Jesus.
- **Stewardship:** We must have a true desire and concern for the place we live.

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By receiving and believing in God's grace.

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Receiving Jesus is actively taking hold of him and welcoming him into your life.

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"What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?" - Romans 6:1-2

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- Faith & obedience
- Knowing the light in us is stronger than the darkness around us
- By receiving and believing in God's grace
- By retelling our Jesus story
- By living to glorify our Savior