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BE LIGHT IN THE WORLD | JOHN 8:12-30
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How is God calling you to be a light in the world?

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Hear the testimony

"I am the light of the world"

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true." – John 8:12-13

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Answer the critics

"whoever follows me"



How was Jesus challenged?

- His witness – why are you saying these things?
- His authority – By what authority are you here?
- His origin – where did you come from, where are you going?

We can walk close to the light but still be in darkness.

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. – John 14:15

A Disciple:

- Surrenders to Jesus' authority – Luke 9:23
- Grows in holiness – Romans 8:29
- Participates in the mission – Matthew 28:19

Hang on to the promises

"will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life"

There are three promises found at the end of this verse...

- The promise of a new direction: Nicodemus (John 3)
- The promise of a new treasure: The Samaritan Woman (John 4)

Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the town and were coming to him. – John 4:27-30

- The promise of peace and a new power:

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." – John 20:21

The light of Christ:

- It empowers us to be obedient.
- It encourages us to persevere.
- It restores in us what sin has damaged.

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