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JOHN 1:1-18



Part 8: When The Light Comes On (Part 1)

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INTRODUCTION **NOTES** We live in a world that is becoming increasingly more overcome with darkness day after day. People want freedom more than they want a relationship with God, but what they fail to realize is that freedom from God isn't what they expect. With so many temptations, trials, and tribulations facing us every single day, we can either choose to walk in the Light - the path God has laid out for us - or we can choose to remain in darkness, confused and clueless as to where we're going, what we're doing, or what consequences we are inevitably going to face as a result of our rebellion. Let's be the ones who not only choose to walk in the Light of Jesus, but let's point others towards the Light as well. And if we're going to do that, there are many things about the Light that we must understand. **KEY POINTS** 1. The Promise Of The Light God promises in His word to reveal Himself and His Light to everyone. No one is out of God's reach. The biggest way God showed His Light to the world was when He sent Jesus. But even then, people who walked with Him and followed Him every single day still doubted at times. John 14:9 says, "Jesus answered, 'Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you for such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father?'" Jesus was and still is a living representation of Light. But God also points us to Himself through other things, like His creation. Psalm 19:1 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." Everywhere we look, whether it be to Scripture or to the world around us, God is constantly revealing Himself and His Light to us. 2. The Purpose Of The Light The main purpose of the Light is to dispel darkness. This is a very simple idea for us to understand. When you walk into a dark room, what is the first thing you do? Turn on the light so you can see. The Light of Christ is no different. He comes so we can see in the midst of the darkness. He wants us to see clearly who we are, where we're going, and what our purpose is. However, if we choose to stay in darkness, we will face the consequences that come with that decision. Romans 1:21 says, "However, if you choose darkness, rather than light...God will allow you to walk that path, but not without consequences." Choosing to remain in darkness means you're choosing to stay separated from God, and friend, that is a scary, lonely place to be. 3. The Path To The Light Now, you might be wondering, if God is the Light, how does He go about drawing people into the light? Well, there are many ways God can draw us out of darkness and into the light, but there are four specifically that come to mind: teaching through the Word of God, testimony through the people of God, tugging through the Spirit of God, and trauma

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through our circumstances.

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When we are studying Scripture, being encouraged by other believers, receiving guidance from the Holy Spirit, and enduring tough times, we are going to be drawn to the Light of our Savior.

4. The Power Of The Light

When you make the decision to come out of darkness and walk into the Light the Lord is drawing you to, your life will never be the same. Following Jesus will without doubt change the course of your entire life. That's how powerful the Light is. Just like Paul promises in 2 Corinthians 5, when we are in Christ, we are a new creation. We will never be the same. If you want that to be true for you, then make sure the Light has been switched on in you, and if it has, share the Light with those around you so they can experience the same transformation.

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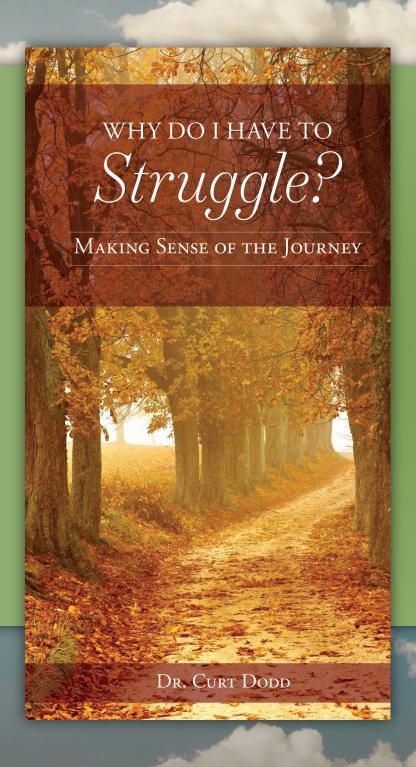
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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Is there an area of your life where you've been stuck in darkness instead of walking towards the Light?
2. In what way do you feel God drawing you toward Him into His Light (teaching, testimony, tugging, or trauma)?
3. How has your life been changed and transformed as a result of following Jesus? What else about your life would you like to see Him change and transform?

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