Day 2: A Negative Turned Positive

KNOW IT!

John 8:12

"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.'"

John 1:5

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

Matthew 4:16

"The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light."

The image on the Shroud of Turin is best seen in a photographic negative. When Italian photographer Secondo Pia captured the first photograph in 1898, he was stunned. In the darkroom, the negative image became a detailed positive image of a man. Before the invention of photography, such a format was impossible to conceptualize.

This mysterious detail reminds us of the spiritual truth that Jesus turns darkness into light and negatives into positives. What the world sees as broken, God redeems. The cross itself was a brutal form of execution, yet it became the very instrument of our salvation. The Resurrection was the ultimate reversal—death was turned to life, and despair was turned to hope. Even when your life feels dark or confusing, know that God is working behind the scenes. He may be taking what looks like a "negative" and transforming it into a beautiful testimony.

LIVE IT! SHARE IT!

1. Reflect on a painful or confusing time in your life and ask God how He might be redeeming it.

2. Encourage someone today by reminding them that God brings light out of darkness.

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