

TRAVEL: WALKING ENCOURAGE DARKNESS

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

• DEFAULT STATE OF MAN
• ALL HAVE FALLEN SHORT

DARKNESS & LIGHT

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John 3:19-21

OUR SITUATION

John 3:19 - ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

LIGHT HAS COME AND IS AVAILABLE, BUT PEOPLE PREFER DARKNESS + HIDING PLACE FOR SIN.

REMEMBER THAT WE ALL START THIS WAY. OUR PRIDE DECEIVES,

PROPER DIAGNOSIS LEADS TO HEALTH



- HONEST WITH SELF
 - SORBER VIEW OF THE WORLD
- ⇒ NO ONE IS DOING THIS

WHY DO WE AVOID THE LIGHT?

OUR DRIFT

John 3:20 - ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

WE AVOID LIGHT B/C WE DON'T WANT TO BE FULLY KNOWN

WITHOUT THE LIGHT, THE DARK FEELS SAFE

GARDEN HIDING PASSED DOWN

EXPOSURE: SHAME VS. GUILT CONVICTION

IDENTITY FRACTURED

Hebrews 2:14-15 - Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

GOD IN CHRIST HAS COME TO INTERRUPT OUR DRIFT TO DARK

1 John 4:18 - There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

GOD IN CHRIST HAS COME IN LOVE TO CAST OUT FEAR

WE WILL LIVE IN FEAR OR FREEDOM THE REST OF OUR LIFE

THE ENEMY HAS MADE THOSE LOOK OPPOSITE

THE TENSION + WEIGHT YOU FEEL IS GOOD ... CONSCIENCE.

BUT WE STAY IN THE DARK BECAUSE WE LACK FAITH IN SOME PART OF THE GOSPEL

- GOD IS NOT KIND
- JESUS IS NOT GOD
- FORGIVENESS IS NOT DEEP

OUR HOPE

John 3:21 - ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.

NOT PARADING, OPENNESS

SITUATION - DEFAULT SIN
DRIFT - LOVE COMFORT OR DARK

GOSPEL - GOD'S WORK THRU + THRU



WE ARE LEFT UNBURDENED WITH NOTHING TO HIDE

HOW DO WE BRING THIS HOME? 1 JOHN 1:5-10

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

FOUR PRACTICAL TAKE AWAYS

- 1) GOD DOESN'T DEAL IN DARKNESS, BUT HE DOES WALK AMONG IT THAT SONS + DAUGHTERS MAY BE SAVED FROM IT
- 2) IF YOU IGNORE OR DOWNPLAY SIN, YOU ARE A LIAR AND YOU ARE CALLING GOD A LIAR
- 3) IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE AUTHENTIC COMMUNION WITH GOD + OTHERS IF WE CONTENT OURSELVES TO REMAIN IN DARKNESS
- 4) IF YOU CONFESS SIN + BRING THINGS TO THE LIGHT, WE ARE FAITHFULLY CLEANSSED BY GOD + HAVE FELLOWSHIP W/ OTHERS WHO CONFESS.