



## “Walk in the Light”

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### Devotion and Discussion Questions

**Key Texts (TLV):** 1 John 1:5-7; Jn. 1:1-5; Jn. 3:19-21; Gal. 5:16-23; Jn. 15:1-8; Ps. 16:11

John writes with a deeply pastoral heart to a believing community that has been shaken by false teaching, division, and confusion. There were those who claimed to have special knowledge, deeper insight, or spiritual superiority, yet their lives did not reflect the character of God. They divided what they believed from how they lived. They separated theology from obedience, confession from conduct, and spirituality from love.

But John will not allow that separation. He brings everything back to this central message: *“Now this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you—that God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all.”* (1 Jn. 1:5) God is pure light. There is no evil, hatred, deception, ignorance, hostility, or darkness in Him—none. And because God is light, fellowship with Him must affect the way we walk, the way we live, and the way we love one another.

#### 1. GOD IS LIGHT, AND THERE IS NO DARKNESS IN HIM

John says, *“God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all.”* (1 Jn. 1:5) This is not merely a theoretical statement about God. This drives us to the very heart of who God is. He is pure light, not diluted, not mixed, not shadowed by evil or falsehood in any way. Everything that is the opposite of God is darkness, and everything we read, everything we experience, and everything we struggle to understand must be filtered through what God has revealed about Himself.

This is why John’s message begins with God’s nature before it moves to our walk. Who God is determines how we are called to live. The God who is light has revealed Himself fully in Yeshua, the Word of life, the One who was from the beginning, who was seen, heard, touched, and proclaimed. *“In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overpowered it.”* (Jn. 1:4-5) The darkness cannot take hold of Him, cannot overcome Him, and cannot extinguish His light.

#### 2. FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD MUST BE MATCHED BY THE WAY WE WALK

John continues, *“If we say we have fellowship with Him and keep walking in the darkness, we are lying and do not practice the truth.”* (1 Jn. 1:6) That phrase, “if we say,” matters. John is confronting empty claims—profession without practice, spiritual language without spiritual obedience, a claim of fellowship with God while continuing to walk in a direction that contradicts His character. To walk in darkness is to live in a way that is antithetical to the God who is light.

To walk, in biblical thought, means the way we live and behave. It is the direction of our life. This does not mean that walking in the light means we are already perfectly enlightened or fully mature. We are not where we were, and we are not yet where we are going, but we are walking in His way. Paul says, *“But I say, walk by the Ruach, and you will not carry out the desires of the flesh.”* (Gal. 5:16) Truth is not merely something we mentally agree with. John says we must “practice the truth,” or literally, do the truth. A life that claims fellowship with God must increasingly embody the truth, character, and fruit of the Spirit.

### **3. WALKING IN THE LIGHT RESTORES FELLOWSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER**

John then gives the contrast: *“But if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of His Son Yeshua purifies us from all sin.”* (1 Jn. 1:7) What is surprising is that John does not simply say, “If we walk in the light, we have fellowship with God,” though that is certainly true. Instead, he says that walking in the light results in fellowship with one another. Our fellowship with God is embodied in restored fellowship with other people.

This is monumental because sin did not only break fellowship between humanity and God; it also brought hostility, enmity, selfish ambition, division, and brokenness into human relationships. But when we walk in the light as He is in the light, the blood of Yeshua cleanses us from every sin—the sins that separate us from God and the sins that divide us from one another. Yeshua said, *“I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for apart from Me, you can do nothing.”* (Jn. 15:5) Walking in the light is abiding in Him, bearing His fruit, and allowing His life to restore what sin has broken.

### **CONCLUSION**

John’s message brings us back to wholeness. We do not get to divide what we believe from how we walk. We do not get to claim fellowship with the God who is light while intentionally continuing in darkness. And we do not get to separate fellowship with God from the way we treat one another. The life of God is meant to be embodied in us in an ever-increasing way.

Today, the LORD is calling us to come into the light. Not the light of condemnation, but the light of the God who is pure, good, truthful, merciful, and full of life. If there is an area where your confession and your walk have been divided—where you have said one thing but lived another—do not hide from Him. The darkness only grows when we protect it. Healing begins when we bring it into the light. Yeshua’s blood purifies us from all sin. So bring Him the hidden places, the relational brokenness, the selfish ambition, the bitterness, the compromise, the habits of darkness, and the places where your life has not reflected His character. Ask Him to cleanse you, restore you, and teach you to walk in the light as He is in the light. And as He restores your fellowship with Him, let Him also restore your fellowship with others.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. Why is John's statement, "*God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all,*" so central to understanding the rest of the letter?
2. What is the difference between merely claiming fellowship with God and actually walking in fellowship with Him?
3. John says that walking in the light affects our fellowship with one another. Where do you see the connection between your walk with God and your relationships with people?
4. In modern life, what are some ways believers can be tempted to separate what they say they believe from how they actually live?
5. What is one area of your life where the Lord may be inviting you to come more fully into the light—not to shame you, but to cleanse, heal, and restore you?

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

*Avinu Malkhenu*, Our Father, Our King, You are light, and in You there is no darkness at all. Thank You for revealing Yourself through Yeshua, the Word of life, and for calling us into true fellowship with You. Search our hearts and expose anything in us that is walking in darkness, not so we would be condemned, but so we would be cleansed and restored.

Teach us to walk in the light as You are in the light. Let our confession match our conduct, and let our fellowship with You overflow into true fellowship with one another. May the blood of Yeshua purify us from every sin, and may our lives bear the fruit of the Spirit in an ever-increasing way.

*B'Shem Yeshua*, In the name of Yeshua, amen.