

## I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD ~ John 8:12-30

### FOLLOW ME, DON'T WALK IN DARKNESS ~ John 8:12-20

[12] When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." [13] The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid." [14] Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. [15] You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. [16] But if I do judge, my decisions are right, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. [17] In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two men is valid. [18] I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me." [19] Then they asked him, "Where is your father?" "You do not know me or my Father," Jesus replied. "If you knew me, you would know my Father also." [20] He spoke these words while teaching in the temple area near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him, because his time had not yet come.

### APPLICATION

**John 8:12** ...I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

#### **I AM the LIGHT of the WORLD Anyone who FOLLOWS Me...**

- Will Not walk in Darkness
- Will Find the Light and LIFE

**John 3:19-20** ...Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. [20] Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. (NIV)

#### **FOLLOW = Trust & Obey** (Harvey)

**Trust** - to Believe by Faith

**Obey** - to Live out what God Says

### APPLICATION (Harvey)

*Lord, God please help me to react with Patience to hard times, with Gentleness to unkind words, with Your Goodness towards those that are Harsh or Cruel. ~ Unknown*

### YOU WILL DIE IN YOUR SINS ~ John 8:21-26

[21] Once more Jesus said to them, "I am going away, and you will look for me, and you will die in your sin. Where I go, you cannot come." [22] This made the Jews ask, "Will he kill himself? Is that why he says, 'Where I go, you cannot come'?" [23] But he continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. [24] I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am *the one I claim to be*, you will indeed die in your sins." [25] "Who are you?" they asked. "Just what I have been claiming all along," Jesus replied.

## APPLICATION (McCartney)

**Exodus 3:14** ...Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, '**I AM** has sent me to you.' (NASU)

"I was regretting the past and fearing the future. Suddenly the Lord was speaking to me...My name is '**I AM**,' He paused. I waited, He continued, When you live in the past with its mistakes, sins, regrets, and guilt, IT is hard... My name is NOT '**I WAS**.' When you live in the Future full of Doubts and Unknown Fears, it is hard... My name is NOT '**I WILL BE**.' When you live in the present seeking to live each moment to honor Me it is a whole lot easier because my name IS '**I AM**.' ~ Unknown

**Philippians 3:13-14** (ESV) ...ONE THING I do: FORGETTING what lies behind and STRAINING FORWARD to what lies ahead, [14] I PRESS ON toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

➔ **Forget the Past ...Strain towards the Future & Press ON towards... the GOAL**

**Goal = TO KNOW CHRIST** (be like Christ ) Phil. 3:10

## THE SON OF MAN WILL BE LIFTED UP ~ John 8:27-30

[26] "I have much to say in judgment of you. But he who sent me is reliable, and what I have heard from him I tell the world." [27] They did not understand that he was telling them about his Father. [28] So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am *the one I claim to be* and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. [29] The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him." [30] Even as he spoke, many put their faith in him.

## SO WHAT ??

### JESUS HAD A...

#### ➤ **Clear Sense of His Calling**

**John 8:14** Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. (NIV)

#### ➤ **Deep Commitment to the Truth**

**John 8:26** "I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and the things which I heard from Him, these I speak to the world." (NASU)

#### ➤ **Consistent Life of Obedience**

**John 8:29** The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him."

### We Should...

- know we are Called
- be Committed to the Truth
- be Committed to Obedience