

# **I AM the Light of the WORLD**

**John 8:12-30**



**John 8:12 (NIV)**

**...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 (NIV)**

**...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.**

**FOLLOW = Trust & Obey**

(Harvey)

**Trust - to Believe by Faith**

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

**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**

**Exodus 3:14 (NASU)**

**...Thus you shall say to the  
sons of Israel,  
'I AM has sent me to you.'**

**“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**, 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**  
and  
Press ON towards the  
**GOAL**

# **Goal** - TO KNOW CHRIST

(become like Him... to share in His  
suffering ~ Phil. 3:10)

# JESUS had a...

- *Clear Sense of His Own 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)

# JESUS had a...

- *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)

# JESUS had a...

- *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." (NIV)

# **We Should...**

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