When the Light Gets Turned On

Re-discovering Jesus in the Gospel of John

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## JOHN 8:12-30

**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.” **13**So the Pharisees said to him, “You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true.” **14**Jesus answered, “Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. **15**You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. **16**Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. **17**In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. **18**I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me.” **19**They said to him therefore, “Where is your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.” **20**These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

**21**So he said to them again, “I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come.” **22**So the Jews said, “Will he kill himself, since he says, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come’?” **23**He said to them, “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, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins.” **25**So they said to him, “Who are you?” Jesus said to them, “Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. **26**I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him.” **27**They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father. **28**So Jesus said to them, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. **29**And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him.” **30**As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

# Like Jesus:

1. **We can/will walk with a strong sense of identity (v.12-20)**
2. **We can/will understand things from God’s perspective (v. 21-27)**
3. **We will look to please God with confidence and assurance (v. 28-30)**

**When we live to please others more than God, we struggle to prioritize what is most important and cave in to three pressure points:**

* **Criticism**
* **Competition**
* **Conflict**