

I Am The Light of The World
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Good Morning and I would like to take a moment and “Thank You” for coming this morning! Big Shout Out to all the moms and say “If it wasn't for you we all wouldn't be here!” Today is Going to Be a Great Day and A Great Week! Look at your neighbor and let them know! Greetings to all those watching the broadcast and have a very Happy Mother's Day!!

Anybody every hurt themselves walking in the dark? I woke up in the middle of the night several years ago having to use the restroom. Got out of bed and it was pitch black—couldn't see a thing, the house is surrounded by trees. Proceeded towards what I believed to be the bathroom, missed it by That Much... and jammed my toe so hard into the leg of the dresser—breaking my pinkie toe. I don't know if you have ever broken your pinkie toe—precious became painful.

People everywhere think they are just living life—but Really they are just walking in the dark. They are taking what is precious and allowing it to be come painful. God never meant for you to stumble around in life trying to find your way.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT): *“For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the Lord. ‘They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”*

1 Samuel 2:9 (NLT): *“He will protect his faithful ones, but the wicked will disappear in darkness. No one will succeed by strength alone.”*

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We are in Week #2 of our “I Am” Series. We are looking at Jesus' Powerful Declarations about Who He is... **We are learning to approach God “As He Is” not just “As He Was!!!”** Jesus said, “I AM” the Bread of Life, Week 1, John 6:35. He satisfies the emptiness of life and refreshes our passions for life. In this week's second installment, Jesus said, “I AM the Light of the World.”

John 8—we find Jesus teaching in the temple and causing all kinds of problems for the devil. Crowds were gathering as the healings and miracles were happening. His teaching was blowing peoples' minds about the kingdom and the Father. The Pharisees grew more angry as the days passed and tried to trap and plotted to kill Him. As He was teaching, they brought a woman caught in adultery, brought her before the crowd. *“The Law of Moses says she should be put to death. What do you say?”*

Religion seeks to Stone you, Jesus Seeks to Save You!

All this was on the heels of the Feast of Tabernacles. Each night of the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot) there was a great ceremony called the “Illumination of the Temple” which involved the ritual **lighting** of four golden oil-fed lamps **in** the Court of Women. At night you could see the lights from every vantage point in Jerusalem. The Festival was over but the constructs were still up.

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John 8:12 (NLT): *“Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world, if you follow me, **you won't have to walk in darkness**, because you will have the light that leads to life.”*

Light: Something that makes things visible or affords illumination.

2 Types of Light: **Physical** or natural, **Metaphysical** or supernatural

Genesis 1:1-5 (NLT): *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light 'day' and the darkness 'night.' And evening passed and morning came, marking the first day.”*

John 1:1-5 (NLT): *“In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. The Word gave life to everything that was created and his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.”*

Measured: Luminous Flux—Lux & Lumens = Energy & Intensity at 1 square meter (39 inches).

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3 Characteristics of Light: **Brightness:** does not need much explanation, **Color:** the quality of an object or substance with respect to light reflected by the object, usually determined visually by hue, saturation, and brightness of the reflection, **Temperature:** a measure of the warmth or coldness of an object or substance with reference to some standard value, an object or substance with reference to some standard value.

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