

# walk in light walk in light

## DAY ONE

Remember the school days of trying to “out do” the other kids? Kids touting “Oh yeah, well my dad is smarter than your dad!” Or “My brother’s bigger than your brother!” What would you have done if those claims were ever put to the test? What if the school bully’s big brother was ready to take on your big brother? Even if you had the biggest, bravest, greatest brother in the world, wouldn’t you be a little worried he might not be able to pull it off? If Jesus had remained in the tomb, it would have meant that He lacked sufficient power to conquer sin. But “having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.” *Colossians 2:15*  
**Read Mark 10:27 and Matthew 19:26.** We don’t serve a God of empty boasting and promises. We serve El Shaddai - God Almighty, the God who can do anything. Our God is able. But is His power available to create change in us?  
**Read 1 Corinthians 15:20-22, 52-53, John 10:28 and Romans 6:4, 10-11.**  
Thank Jesus for willingly laying down his life for you. Praise God for His power and for being our “God who is able.” Thank Him for conquering death and that one day we’ll be clothed with new, imperishable bodies. Thank Him for conquering sin so we can now live a new life. Ask Him to begin showing you a necessary life change as we dive into the next message series.

## DAY TWO

**Read Matthew 5:14-16 and Ephesians 5:8.** Who/what are you now in Christ? What do you think it means that as believers we are light? Jesus says, “you are the light of the world.” No pressure! Often I’m more like the unreliable flashlight that barely ekes out enough light to get through a darkened room! How can you and I be the light He intends?  
**Read John 8:12 and 12:46.** In order to be light and walk as children of the light, we need to connect to the One who IS the source of light. Each weekend, we at Jacob’s Well join together in order to re-center on God. Through music that reminds us of His truths - who we are in Him and who He is - through practical teaching of His Word and through enjoying community with others, we reconnect with God and each other. Are you trying to live out the remainder of your week with only the light from the weekend? You can bang on the side of that flickering flashlight and try to get a “kick” of power to make it, but for the flashlight to serve its purpose, the batteries need to be continually charged. In what ways are you connecting to God? Do you take time to purposefully connect your mind to His? What about your heart to His heart? Are you consistently doing a daily devotion like this one or one similar? Consider taking your next step by committing to read through the New Testament or maybe reading the four Gospels. Perhaps your next step may be narrowing the focus by reading one book as you would a novel. Then go back and study it smaller “pieces.” Pray about the next step God’s leading you to take in connecting with Him. Take that step this week.

## DAY THREE

**Read 1 John 1:6-8 and Ephesians 5:8-10.** What does walking in the light look like? What kind of fruit does it produce? Where can it be found? What does the light of God in your life reveal? **Read Psalm 139:23-24.**  
A life that shines exchanges darkness for light; despair and resentment for

hope and thanksgiving; apathy for celebration; rejection for acceptance; deceit for truth; control for surrender, and shame for forgiveness. What do you need to exchange? **Pray Psalm 139:23-24 to God.** Ask Him to expose any areas of darkness with truth. Pray that He’ll guide you to take hold of all that is good, right, and true. Spend time today focusing on the *exchanges* listed. As you interact with people today, think about whether you’re producing good fruit. Are you speaking truth? Are you dealing with them justly? Continue to pray that you will be sensitive to the Spirit as He guides you and that you’ll respond in obedience.

## DAY FOUR

**Read Ephesians 5:13-15, Hebrews 12:1 and John 11:43-44.** What has the light of Christ exposed within your life? According to John 11:44, what instructions does Jesus give? Living in darkness causes us to get tangled up in a lot of *stuff*. As we’re raised to new life, we need to shed some grave clothes in order to walk freely. What are you tangled up in? Do you keep getting tangled up in the same stuff? **Look again at John 11:44.** Who is Jesus talking to? For all of us, there are times we find ourselves tangled up in the grave clothes of sin and need some help getting untangled!  
“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” *Proverbs 27:17*  
Are you seeking godly counsel? Who has God brought alongside you that could pray for you? Consider asking a friend to pray and be an encourager to you as you deal with this struggle. Maybe God is leading *you* to come alongside someone and serve as an encourager to him/her. Don’t settle for walking all tangled and bound up. Jesus said to “take off the grave clothes and let him go.” **John 11:44**

## DAY FIVE

**Read 1 John 2:5-6 and Ephesians 5:15-17.** What do these verses call us to do? Connecting to the truth that’s in Christ gives us wisdom and understanding - but something else is needed. How do we go from *knowing* what is right to *doing* what is right?  
**Read Ephesians 5:18, Acts 1:8 and Romans 8:9.**  
The word “filled” can be translated “controlled by.” It’s the picture of the wind filling the sails of a boat and guiding it along. In the original language, the tense that’s used is of a continual activity. Being filled with, or controlled by, the Spirit is something that takes place over and over. We can’t walk in truth in our own strength; we must continually rely on the Holy Spirit and surrender control to Him. If you’re a believer and are “in Christ,” you have the Holy Spirit... but does the Holy Spirit have you? Are you daily surrendering control to Him? Conclude your time today by praying this prayer:  
**“Father, I’m unable to live a life of truth apart from You. I surrender my will and my control to You. I pray that You would fill me with your Spirit today.”**  
Consider praying this prayer every day. As we walk in truth, we bring joy to the heart of God. “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in truth.” **3 John 3-4**

**For this Sunday:** Ask the Spirit to begin making you thirsty for a specific change He wants to take place in your life. (*i.e. quitting smoking, revitalizing a key relationship or rediscovering a passionate walk with God.*)  
Ask Him to use the upcoming message series (*The Path*) at Jacob’s Well to bring about changes in you that you never thought were possible.