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**The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.**

**John 8:12** *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."* (NIV)

There was a commercial a few years back. It pictured a busy restaurant filled with busy people who were all conversing with one another. Each table had someone expressing their own views. This one particular table had a business man speaking to a colleague about his investments. The other responded to him by saying, "Well my broker is E. F. Hutton, and E. F. Hutton says..." and immediately, everyone in the restaurant stopped their speaking and listened for what the man would say.

I can imagine that this might be the same scenario when Jesus began to speak. I mean this is the Word of God Himself, speaking the words of God. This was spoken at the temple as Jesus was teaching those who would listen. The significance of this statement is centered around the Feast of Tabernacles. During the feast, many emblems and ceremonies remembered the pillar of fire that gave light to Israel in the darkness. Jesus is now proclaiming that He is that light that will lead anyone in the darkness of this world. And in this proclamation, Jesus uses the same words that the LORD spoke to Moses, saying tell Pharaoh, "I AM" has sent me to you. This was an emphatic statement that Jesus is God incarnate.

He then couples the light of the world and the maker of the world with the One Who brings real and abundant life to this world. **John 1:12** *Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.* (NIV) So to follow Jesus, we will not be walking in darkness, but we will stay in the light. He will show us where we are to go and what we should do. In Him there is no darkness at all. This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you.

**Dear LORD, help us to follow the light in this dark world. We must keep our eyes on Jesus, and He will give us light in the darkness. In Jesus Name, Amen**