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The Lord wants you to live in His light.

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)

Have you ever noticed how powerful light is? You can be sitting in a dimly lit room and someone can walk in and flip on the main light. Immediately, everyone looks to the one who has turned on the light. **Gen.1:1-4** *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness.* (NIV) The first step of creation was light. God created light so that we could all be drawn to Him. Look at the stars. Can you number them? They are all lights that God has created. As Jesus is speaking, He states one of His seven 'I AM' proclamations. I AM the light of the world. Do you think that this world would be better off if everyone in it followed His proclamation: ***Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life?*** There is no doubt! The evil one's desire is to draw people to the darkness. He wants to confuse and add darkness into people's lives. And so began the attempt to turn light into darkness. **Gen. 3:1** *Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"* (NIV) And with this question, he began to darken a perfect world. Let me be totally clear with you today. What God has made is always good. What man tries to change will ultimately fail. It is time for people to listen to what Jesus said, ***"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*** (NIV)

Dear LORD, You are the light of the world. Help us to look to You alone, so that we can follow You and enjoy all that You have for us. In Jesus Name, Amen