

### WHERE THE LIGHT IS #3

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*“Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” John 8:12 NIV*

*“I am under vows to you, my God; I will present my thank offerings to you. For you have delivered me from death and my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.”*

*Psalm 56:12-13 NIV*

A PERSONAL \_\_\_\_\_ . (delivered me from death)

A PERSONAL \_\_\_\_\_ . (my thank offerings)

A PERSONAL \_\_\_\_\_ . (I am under vows to you)

A PERSONAL \_\_\_\_\_ . (that I walk in the light)

*“And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.” 2 Corinthians 5:15 NIV*

#### BIG IDEA:

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#### WHERE THE LIGHT IS: GOD’S MEN

*“Don’t become partners with those who reject God. How can you make a partnership out of right and wrong? That’s not partnership; that’s war. Is light best friends with dark? Does Christ go strolling with the Devil? Do trust and mistrust hold hands? Who would think of setting up pagan idols in God’s holy Temple? But that is exactly what we are, each of us a temple in whom God lives. God himself put it this way: “I’ll live in them, move into them; I’ll be their God and they’ll be my people. So leave the corruption and compromise; leave it for good,” says God. “Don’t link up with those who will pollute you. I want you all for myself. I’ll be a Father to you; you’ll be sons and daughters to me.” 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 MSG*

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*“Don’t become partners with those who reject God. How can you make a partnership out of right and wrong? That’s not partnership; that’s war. Is light best friends with dark?” (v14)*

*“When the apostles in Jerusalem received the report that Samaria had accepted God’s Message, they sent Peter and John down to pray for them to receive the Holy Spirit. Up to this point they had only been baptized in the name of the Master Jesus; the Holy Spirit hadn’t yet fallen on them. Then the apostles laid their hands on them and they did receive the Holy Spirit.” Acts 8:14-17 MSG*

**I NEED MEN WHO \_\_\_\_\_ .**

*“Does Christ go strolling with the Devil? Do trust and mistrust hold hands? Who would think of setting up pagan idols in God’s holy Temple?” (v15)*

*“Run away from childish indulgence. Run after mature righteousness—faith, love, peace—joining those who are in honest and serious prayer before God.” 2 Timothy 2:22 MSG*

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*“But that is exactly what we are, each of us a temple in whom God lives. God himself put it this way: “I’ll live in them, move into them; I’ll be their God and they’ll be my people.” (16)*

***“Or didn’t you realize that your body is a sacred place, the place of the Holy Spirit? Don’t you see that you can’t live however you please, squandering what God paid such a high price for? The physical part of you is not some piece of property belonging to the spiritual part of you. God owns the whole works. So let people see God in and through your body.” 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 MSG***

**I NEED MEN WHO \_\_\_\_\_.**

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***“If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world.” John 15:19***

**I NEED MEN WHO \_\_\_\_\_.**

***“I want you all for myself. I’ll be a Father to you; you’ll be sons and daughters to me.” (18)***

***“In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. <sup>11</sup> Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.” Hebrews 2:10-11 NIV***

#### **MEN IN THE LIGHT HELP US FIGHT TO THE GOOD FIGHT**

***“While David was at Horesh in the Desert of Ziph, he learned that Saul had come out to take his life. And Saul’s son Jonathan went to David at Horesh and helped him find strength in God. “Don’t be afraid,” he said. “My father Saul will not lay a hand on you. You will be king over Israel, and I will be second to you. Even my father Saul knows this.” The two of them made a covenant before the LORD. Then Jonathan went home, but David remained at Horesh.” 1 Samuel 23 15-18 NIV***

#### **FOR DISCUSSION:**

How have believing men in your life influenced you positively?

Why is having brothers in Christ a critical part of God’s plan for our commitment?

What does brotherhood and spiritual family due to reinforce the way we believe and behave?

What practical steps can you take in the area of friendships to put them to work in your spiritual journey?