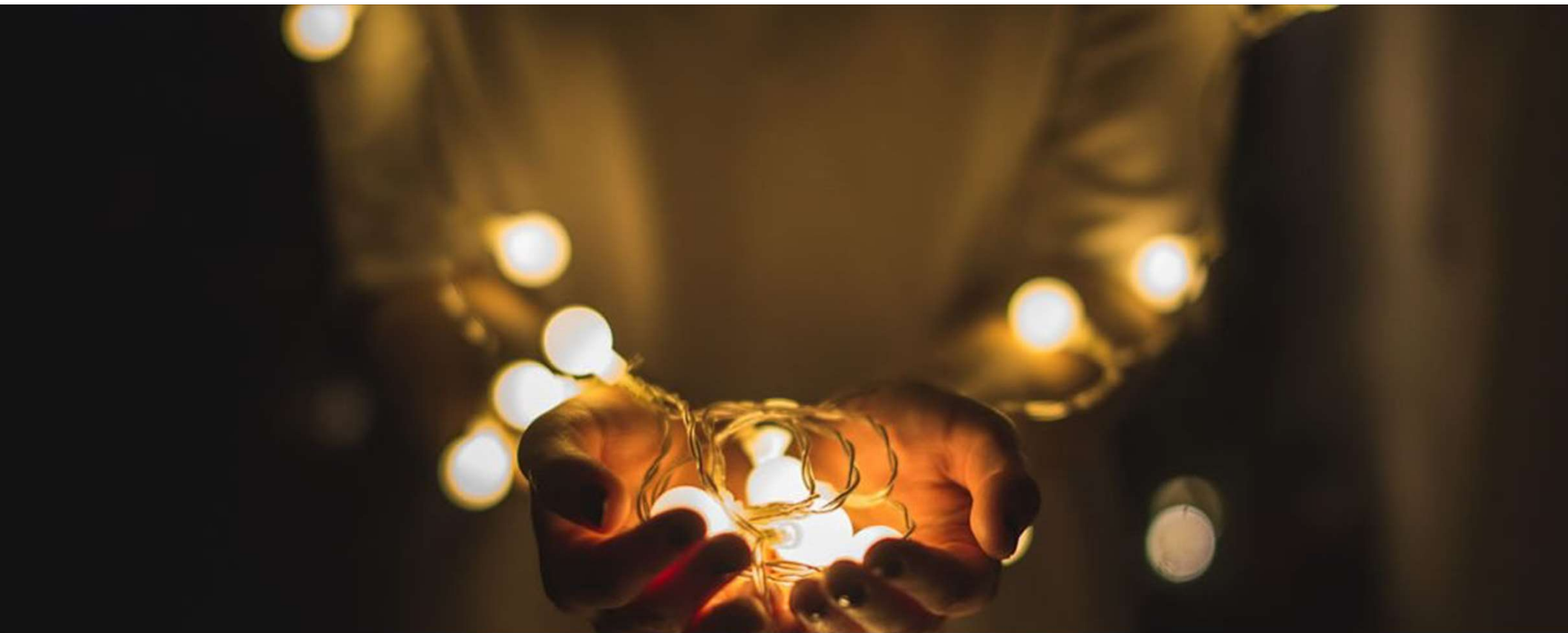




“Walk while you have the
light, lest darkness
overtake you...” – John
12:35



Those Who Walk in Light...

1. Are aware of the brevity of life

- Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you..." (Jn. 12:35)
- *"I will get close to God when I get a little older..."*



2. Know that darkness does not come from God

But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "*Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?*" Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again: "*He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, Lest they should see with their eyes, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.*" (Jn. 12:37-40)

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- *Here again observe that the words “because” and “spoke” refer not to the cause of their unbelief but to the event. For it was not “because” Isaiah spoke that they did not believe. Rather, it was because they were not about to believe, which is why [Isaiah] spoke.”* (St. John Chrysostom)
- Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed." (Jam. 1:13-14)

3. Are not governed by the opinions of others

- “Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.” (Jn. 12:42-43)
- EX: Daniel in the land of Babylon
 - “But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank...” (Dan. 1:8)



4. Love the Light and those of the Light

- “And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.” (Jn. 12:45-46)
- “LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill?... In whose eyes a vile person is despised, But he honors those who fear the LORD...” (Ps. 15:1,4)





5. Understand that the Light came to save the world, not condemn it

- “...for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.” (Jn. 12:47)
- EX: Born Blind – (Jn. 9:2)
- EX: Woman caught in Adultery
- EX: Samaritan Woman

5. Understand that the Light came to save the world, not condemn it

- Judas
- Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him.”
Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed Him. But Jesus said to him, “Friend, why have you come?”
(Matt. 26:48-50)

