Who: John 1:5-18

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The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Other narratives: We have all been blessed by this fullness and have received grace heaped upon grace. The Law was given through Moses with its rigid demands and merciless justice, but transforming grace and truth happened to us through Jesus Christ!

Our Vision: Connect with Christ, Church and Community

1. darkness

Save me, Lord! Right living is failing because the ones who live by truth are diminishing...empty and worthless words each person speaks to their neighbor because they have deceit and treachery in their hearts and from their hearts they speak!

Psalm 11:2-3

2. to the true light

What is real: John was sent by God to witness to the genuine light of God coming into the world for all of humanity. The world did not consider this to be the real light, even though the world came into being through him, the world did not recognize the real thing.

John 1:8-9

Spiritual Action Step:
What do you trust today? Where are you experiencing the darkness of distrust in your life? Consider the reality you are living by; is it leading you to faithfulness and truth? Jesus said: The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me. I have come into the world as a light so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. Allow the Holy Spirit to remove the scales from your eyes so that you will see the grace God wants to share with you! This week, read Psalm 12 and John 1 and let this living Word fill you with the confidence and strength of God’s truth.

Translations: NIV: New International Version; JOT: Jon’s Own Translation; MSG: The Message