

Jesus' Command - Follow Me

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Jesus' Promises

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You will have the light of life.

that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, Philippians 2:15 (ESV)

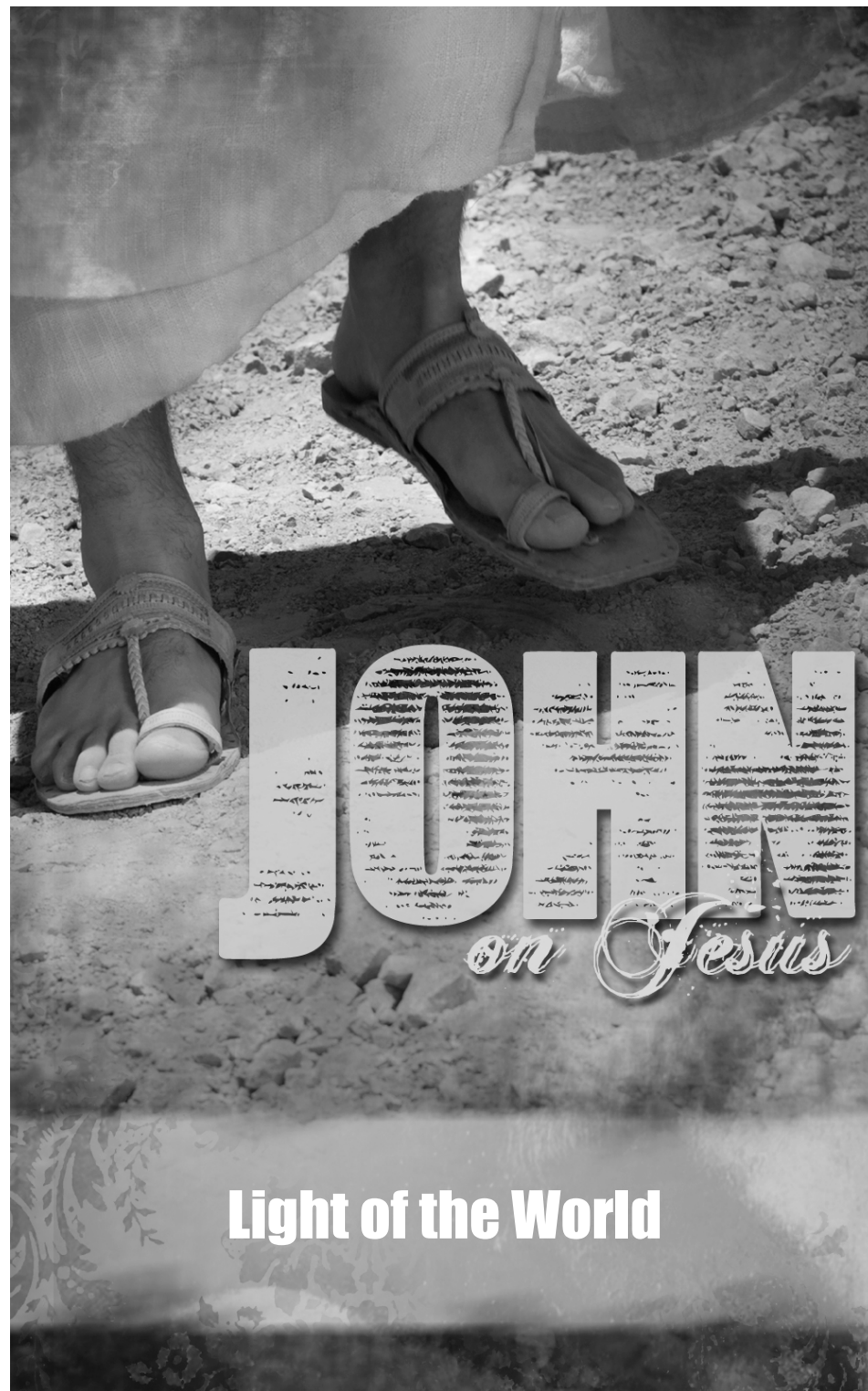
Conclusions

1. Jesus saved God's people from slavery and death in the land of Egypt. On the cross, he saved us from slavery to sin and eternal death in the Lake of Fire.
2. The only way to experience the freedom Jesus secured is to follow him to the Promised Land.
3. Following Jesus is not a one time decision. It is a daily decision. The light is moving.
4. The closer we walk to the light, the greater our freedom from sin and the brighter we shine in the world.

How do I start? - Just Look!

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John 8:12-20

Jesus' Claim - I am the light of the world.

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These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come. John 8:20 (ESV)

The Bible uses light and darkness as a metaphor to describe the world.

What is the problem with darkness?

1. No sense of orientation
2. No way to avoid danger and enjoy beauty
3. The world grows cold and dies

Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; Psalm 43:3 (ESV)

The unfolding of your words gives light; Psalm 119:130 (ESV)

...the Lord my God lightens my darkness. Psalm 18:28 (ESV)

Light and darkness is a strong theme in the Gospel of John.

In him was life, and the life was the light of men. John 1:4 (ESV)

...The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. John 1:8-9 (ESV)

Light and darkness is the background of John 8.

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Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night. Exodus 14:19-20 (ESV)

And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure (exodus), which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Luke 9:29-31 (ESV)

Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. Jude 5 (ESV)

he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Isaiah 49:6 (ESV)