

WEEK 4 // DAY 5

How many times have you used the flashlight on your phone to find something in the dark? If you're like most people, too many to count.

We count on light to help guide our way, find the thing we misplaced, or see something better. It's easy to forget that the convenience of a flashlight at your fingertips is relatively new. And for many people in underdeveloped parts of the world, it's still a dream that isn't a reality. There are countless places on earth where people live in rural places with no electricity. When it's dark, it's really, really dark! Those of us who are blessed enough to have light when we need it often forget how precious a resource it is.

Take a moment and read Psalm 119:105-106. These are just two verses from the longest chapter in the Bible. Here, the psalmist talks about the benefit of Scripture. For the psalmist, God's Word is like a lamp on a dark night: it reveals the right path to take. The picture being painted here is of someone thousands of years before electricity walking around in the dark. Again, remember that this is a for-real kind of dark! Like, super dark. "Can't see your hand in front of your face" kind of dark. To a person in this setting, a lamp is the difference between getting where you want to go or getting lost in the dark. A lamp could be the difference between safety and danger. It might even be the difference in life or death. The psalmist had all of this as the backdrop when he said that the Word of God is to his life as a lamp is to a dark path: it lights the way!

The interesting thing is that whether our attitude toward it is the same, God's Word is still the light that guides our steps. If you have come to saving faith in Jesus, the expectation God has of you is that you would live according to His Word. God expects you to act like He guides us to act. The big question for you is, do you know God's Word well enough to know what He expects of you? Do you read the Bible in such a way that it is the guiding principle of your life? If not, guess what: you stand a good chance of stumbling around in the dark.

Let's spend a few more minutes processing how this impacts your life.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Can you list some ways that you consciously pursue Jesus each day? What do you do to make sure that you're walking in His light?
2. We are what we see. We are what we "take in." If we surround ourselves with things that are against God, our lives will change for the worst. What are some ways that you actively try to avoid walking in ways that God against God?
3. What trouble spots do you avoid? What are areas of your life that tempt you to grow away from God?
4. Pray to God and ask Him to reveal any places where you could be more diligent in striving to follow Jesus and resist following the world.