

# INTRO

*Before you start Week 1, read this short intro.*

God is light.

The world is dark.

You've probably heard this a lot recently. And you'll hear similar stuff said throughout this book. So let's pause for a second and explain what that means.

When the Bible says God is light, it doesn't mean that God is ACTUALLY light. While there were times in the Bible where God chose to show Himself in ways that were associated with literal light, the Bible doesn't mean to say that God, the Father, or Jesus, the Son, is literal, actual light.

Similarly, when the Bible talks about the world being dark, with the exception of the Creation story in Genesis 1, it doesn't mean that there is a lack of actual light. It doesn't mean that someone has turned out the lights.

What the Bible means when it says that God is light is that God is good. And loving. And merciful. And holy. And that His goodness, and love, and mercy, and holiness (and all of His other characteristics) shine as if they were actual light. We can feel God's goodness. We can know His love. And they light up creation like a spotlight cutting through the night sky.

What about the world? According to how the Bible uses this concept, the world is against God. Where God's light is the light of His goodness, the sin and evil at work in the world are like darkness. Spiritual darkness. The darkness of the world is in opposition to the light of God.

But do you want to know the awesome thing? The darkness of the world cannot overpower the light of God. Not by a longshot. Over the next few weeks, you're going to learn all about the light of God and how it impacts your life and the world around you. This week will lay the foundation for all that you will learn.

**Are you ready to jump in? Turn the page, and let's get started.**