



## In Light of "LIGHT"

John 8:12-13 (NIV)

*When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." <sup>13</sup> The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid."*

John 8:1-12 (NIV)

*but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. <sup>2</sup> At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. <sup>3</sup> The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group <sup>4</sup> and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. <sup>5</sup> In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" <sup>6</sup> They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. <sup>7</sup> When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." <sup>8</sup> Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. <sup>9</sup> At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. <sup>10</sup> Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" <sup>11</sup> "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin." <sup>12</sup> When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

## 1. Light must be chased! (John 8:12)

- Light directs us through the traps of life. (John 8:32; Psalm 119:105; Psalm 115:1; Matthew 5:16; Ephesians 5:25; Ephesians 5:18; Hosea 14:9)
- You will either chase light or stumble in darkness!

## 2. Secrets must be smashed!

- The haunting truth of light is that it exposes everything!

Psalm 139:1-4 (NIV)

*You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. <sup>2</sup> You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. <sup>3</sup> You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. <sup>4</sup> Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.*

Psalm 139:12 (NIV)

*even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.*

- Confession is the tool for every secret smasher.

James 5:16 (NIV)

*Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*

- Secret smashing is agreeing with what God about what He already knows and has already paid for!

## 3. Hope must be dispensed!

- Hope dispensers know that Light pierces darkness.
- Hope dispensers realize that the degree to which anyone opens themselves up to light is the degree to which they open themselves up to Life!