

## Light in the Eyes of Sheep

Scripture: John 8:12-20 (NKJV)

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Message:

*Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.*

*John 8:12*

If you have ever been around a sheep herder or a shepherd, it is fascinating to watch how the sheep and the shepherd know each other so intimately. The sheep fully put their trust in the shepherd for all the necessities as well as protection from danger. At night it is hard to know if the sheep are watching and following, but when the fire is lit, and the shepherd sees the reflective light in their eyes and they see the shepherd, he realizes they are there and they are still following him. For the sheep, darkness doesn't matter as long as they can see the shepherd.

What a great analogy of what our relationship with Jesus should be! However, we often don't keep our eyes on His light that shines in the world, and we end up like "lost sheep."

I can remember a time in my life several years ago that was very, very dark. I had lost my job in a career that I loved due to no fault of my own, and it seemed that there was no "light", no matter where I turned. You see, I was looking for that light, that direction in worldly places and NOT in Jesus Christ. Oh, like the scripture says, He was shining His light on me but I didn't follow and therefore, I walked in darkness. As I kept my eyes focused on Jesus and His light, I found a peace and a bright, permanent light in my life that has been there each day. I may not always see it, nor obey it, but Jesus will always shine forth so that He could be shining in my life.

Prayer: *Lord, open my eyes that I may see the light that shows your direction for my life. Let that light shine out to others so they may follow you. Amen.*

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