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## Light That Blinds

*The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. (John 1:9–10)*

*Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. (Hebrews 11:1)*

Imagine loving only silhouettes and shadows because you have never seen a real face in the light. Imagine believing a candle's flame is the source of all illumination because you have never stood beneath the sun or felt its warmth on your skin.

Scripture warns that the god of this age has blinded people to the reality of Jesus Christ, exchanging what is real for convincing counterfeits. Their vision is fixed on a fashionable god of darkness—“one they trust to satisfy desire without demanding allegiance to a truth they cannot see. And so they remain stone-blind to the dawning brilliance of the gospel—the light that shines from Christ, who is the clearest and fullest image of God we will ever know” (2 Corinthians 4:4-6)—shadows instead of the beautiful face, a flickering candle instead of the glory of the Son.

The pilgrimage from counterfeit to Truth requires supernatural intervention by God himself, and it is rarely painless. It is no coincidence that the apostle Paul's conversion began with a light brighter than the sun blazing overhead—striking him to the ground and leaving him blind for three days.

In that moment, Jesus did more than confront Paul; he remade his vision, reordered his inner life, and summoned him into costly obedience. Illumination was not merely revelation—it was a new way of seeing the world and its people, a transformation so deep it compelled him to act unto death.

Faith in the risen Christ, then, is not a blind leap or wishful optimism. It is a revolution of the soul—a reorientation toward an unseen and coming Kingdom with a King, and a truer vision of reality itself. Faith does not deny the world as it is; it finally sees it as it truly is.

“So from now on, we regard no one from a merely worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!” (2 Corinthians 5:16–17)

Every person we encounter is an immortal—destined either for everlasting glory or everlasting ruin. As C.S. Lewis reminds us:

“It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses... the dullest and most uninteresting person you can talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would

be strongly tempted to worship, or else a horror and a corruption such as you now meet, if at all, only in a nightmare.”— The Weight of Glory

This Truth reshapes how we live among one another, infusing ordinary moments with reverence, humility, love, and hope. God is reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them, and he has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5:19)

So when you tee it up this week or join a friend for coffee, live in the Truth—the coming reality of Jesus’ unseen Kingdom—no more shadows, silhouettes, or flickering flames. The men and acquaintances around you are eternal beings, made for glory. There are no inconsequential conversations, no throwaway moments.

What we do now echoes forever.

**Prayer: Jesus, heal my vision. Help me see the world, people, and myself as You do.**

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