

A person is standing in a dark space, illuminated by a vertical beam of light from above. The person is silhouetted against the light, and the light creates a bright, hazy column that tapers towards the top. The background is dark and textured.

THE GOSPEL OF  
**JOHN**

**The Light Shines  
in the Darkness**

CHAPTER 8:12-30

**“Our Guiding Light”**

# Thematic Imagery

**DARK - death / life outside of God**

**LIGHT - life / life with God**

**WATER - cleansing / new beginnings**

## Exodus 13:21

<sup>21</sup> The Lord went ahead of them. He guided them during the day with a pillar of cloud, and he provided light at night with a pillar of fire. This allowed them to travel by day or by night.





## John 8

<sup>12</sup> Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”



## John 8

<sup>13</sup> The Pharisees replied, “You are making those claims about yourself! Such testimony is not valid.” <sup>14</sup> Jesus told them, “These claims are valid even though I make them about myself. For I know where I came from and where I am going, but you don’t know this about me. <sup>15</sup> You judge me by human standards, but I do not judge anyone.



## John 8

<sup>16</sup> And if I did, my judgment would be correct in every respect because I am not alone. The Father who sent me is with me. <sup>17</sup> Your own law says that if two people agree about something, their witness is accepted as fact. <sup>18</sup> I am one witness, and my Father who sent me is the other.”

## John 8

<sup>19</sup> “Where is your father?” they asked. Jesus answered, “Since you don’t know who I am, you don’t know who my Father is. If you knew me, you would also know my Father.” <sup>20</sup> Jesus made these statements while he was teaching in the section of the Temple known as the Treasury. But he was not arrested, because his time had not yet come.

**We can trust Jesus to guide us**



## John 8

<sup>21</sup> Later Jesus said to them again, “I am going away. You will search for me but will die in your sin. You cannot come where I am going.” <sup>22</sup> The people asked, “Is he planning to commit suicide? What does he mean, ‘You cannot come where I am going’?” <sup>23</sup> Jesus continued, “You are from below; I am from above. You belong to this world; I do not.

## John 8

<sup>24</sup> That is why I said that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am who I claim to be, you will die in your sins.”

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## John 8

<sup>25</sup> “Who are you?” they demanded. Jesus replied, “The one I have always claimed to be. <sup>26</sup> I have much to say about you and much to condemn, but I won’t. For I say only what I have heard from the one who sent me, and he is completely truthful.” <sup>27</sup> But they still didn’t understand that he was talking about his Father.

## John 8

<sup>28</sup> So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man on the cross, then you will understand that I am he. I do nothing on my own but say only what the Father taught me. <sup>29</sup> And the one who sent me is with me—he has not deserted me. For I always do what pleases him.” <sup>30</sup> Then many who heard him say these things believed in him.



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A person stands in a dark space, illuminated by a vertical beam of light that descends from the top of the frame. The person is positioned at the bottom of the beam, looking upwards. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a wall or a large object, with the light creating a strong contrast and highlighting the person's silhouette.

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