



**JOURNEY:
In the Light**

Our former darkness

7 Don't participate in the things these people do. 8 For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. Ephesians 5:7-8a (NLT)

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Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. 2 You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. 3 All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger, just like everyone else. Ephesians 2:1-3 (NLT)

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So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. 14 So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. 15 But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. 1 Peter 1:13-15 (NLT)

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Wisdom says:

- Know yourself and what sins you are drawn to
- Have people that can speak truth to you and that you will listen to

Living in the light

So live as people of light! 9 For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true. 10 Carefully determine what pleases the Lord. Ephesians 5:8b-9 (NLT)

Living in the light

- Good: Uprightness of heart and life, goodness, kindness
- Right: Righteous, in good standing before God, also getting what is due to someone
- True: What is true or truth, genuineness and honesty

Living in the light

- What pleases the Lord is us living in obedience to him.
- When it isn't a matter of obedience, we can please God by living out the wisdom that he provides.

Our response to darkness

Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them. 12 It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret. 13 But their evil intentions will be exposed when the light shines on them, 14 for the light makes everything visible. This is why it is said, “Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light.” Ephesians 5:11-14 (NLT)

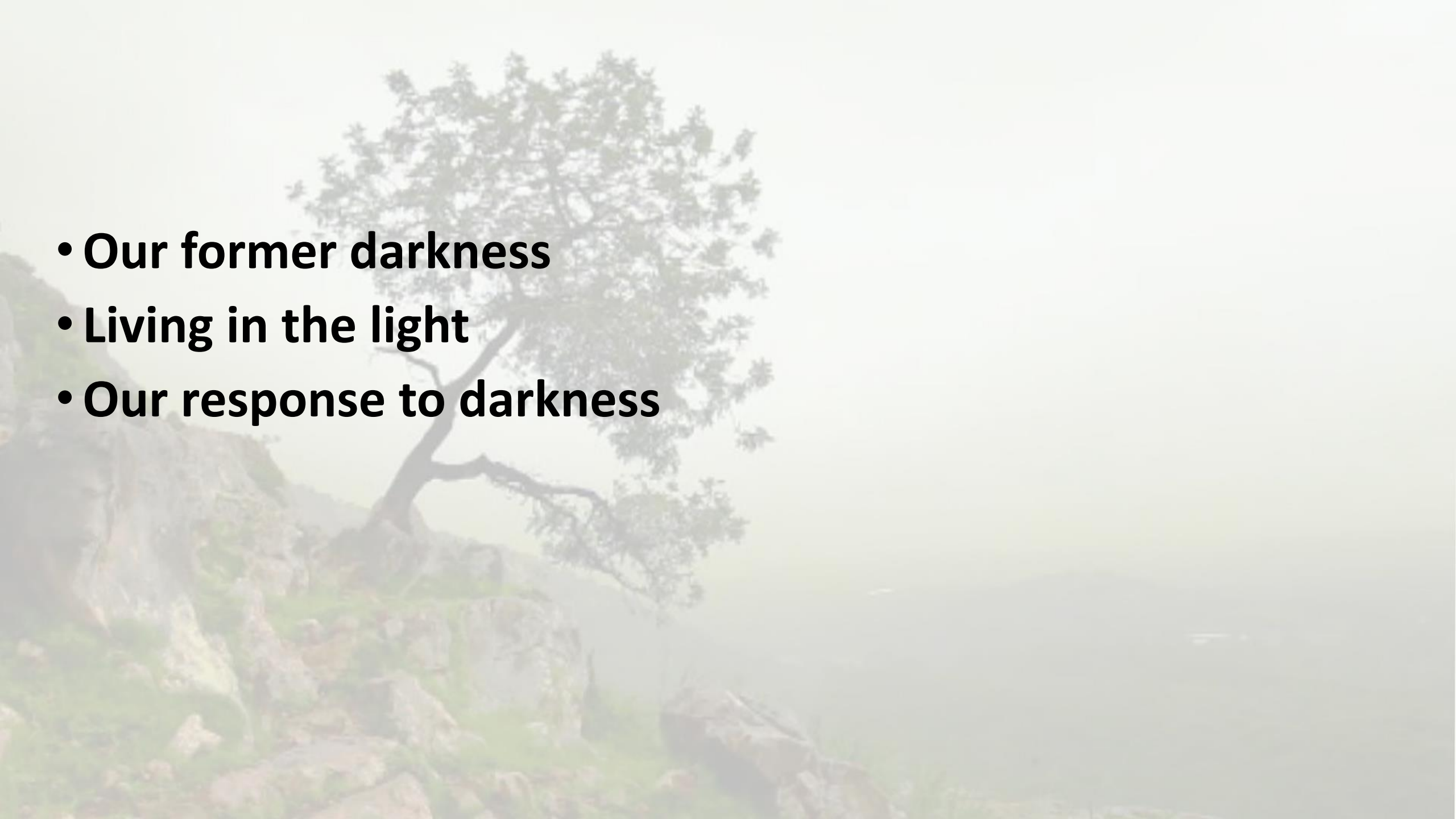
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When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, 21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these.
Galatians 5:19-21a (NLT)

- Have we allowed any of these to be present in our life?

Our response to darkness

- Have we allowed any of these to be present in our life?
- If so, which ones?
- What are the activities in my life that I partake in that point me to sin, versus the holiness of God?

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- A misty landscape with a large tree on a rocky outcrop. The scene is hazy and atmospheric, with a large, dark tree in the foreground on the left, and a rocky, grassy slope leading down to a valley. The background is a soft, hazy expanse of hills and a body of water in the distance.
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