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DEVOTIONS CONNECTING TEENS TO CHRIST

Jesus said, "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world. ... For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

John 9:5,39

I am the Light of the World

"You believe in creation? Look at the scientific proof! Are you blind?"

"Why won't you have sex with me? Look at what everyone else doing. If you watch *The Bachelor*, you'll see that being a virgin is not a good thing for a relationship. Are you blind?"

"You think that just because I don't believe that Jesus is the way to heaven, I am going to hell? Look at all the good, kind things I have done. Look at how loving I am. I know my loving God wouldn't send me to hell. Are you blind?"

Do you ever feel blind? Do you ever feel like you can't see what other people seem to clearly see?

Now let me ask this: is it better to see through the world's eyes or to see God and view the world through his eyes? Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

Jesus is the *light* of the world. *He* shows us God. We were walking around in darkness and uncertainty, but he has given us sight. We see the love the Father has for us in Jesus who died for our sins. We see our relationship with God restored so that we are his dearly loved children. We see the gates of heaven opened and the paradise that is waiting there for us. We see our lives in a new way. They aren't for us to live for ourselves, but to live for God the way he calls us to live. We see everything clearly now. We were once blind, but now we see through Jesus.

So you—you stand in the light of Jesus. You clearly see your God, and he sees you. May this truth give you strength and encouragement to stay in the light as you walk through this world of darkness.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, you are the light of the world. I ask that you give me the strength to resist those things which try to pull me back into the darkness. Keep my eyes fixed on you until that day when I will spend eternity in your beautiful light in heaven. In your name I pray, Amen.