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Listening To You

How did I speak into your life? How did I draw you into a relationship with me? All kinds of random thoughts came to mind when you asked me those questions. **Let me hear them.** It's amazing that you were able to break into my life and speak so I could hear you. I know you are God and you are all-powerful. But, I was so strong willed and so independent. My stubbornness made it hard for me to listen to anyone. I thought that I knew it all. **You sure did.** You noticed? **I certainly did. What happened?** You got my attention. **How did I do that?** You let my sinfulness run its course. **Yes, I did.** It was a painful course. My own sin led me into darkness. I suffered the consequences of my sin. **How so?** My sin left me bruised and battered by life. **Yes, it did.** Soon enough I had enough. I cried out to you. I asked you to show yourself to me. **You asked?** O.K., I screamed. **Yes, you did.** I'll bet you didn't even realize that your scream was a prayer. **No, I did not.** I heard that prayer didn't I? **Yes, you did. After you screamed what were you ready to do?** I was ready to listen to you. **Anything else?** I was ready to give my life to you. **Yes, you were.**

What did I say to you when you were ready to listen to me? Did I judge you? Did I shame you? No, you did not. You welcomed me to you with wide-open arms. You showed me your love. You healed my hurts. **Yes, I did.** It was as if you were watching and waiting for the moment that I would turn away from my sin to follow you. **Do you know why it seemed that way?** You actually were watching and waiting for me to turn to you. **Yes, that's right. There was a big celebration in heaven on the day that you gave your life to me.** There was? **Yes, there was!**

What did I do for you once you turned from your sin to follow me? You broke me free from the power that sin and darkness had over my life. You set me free to live a new life. You gave your life so I could have a new life in you. Your life paid for my sin. You forgave me and cleansed me of all my unrighteousness. **Yes, I did.** You set a new course for my life. I would no longer live for myself. You have made it my joy to love, follow and serve you as my Savior and Lord. It is now my desire to know and do your will. **Yes, it is.**

What do you think I want to do in and through your life now that you are following me? You want me to know you. You want me to love you. You want me to live out the new life that you have given me to live with you. **Yes, I do and what will that look like?** My new life in you will look like a lot of listening to you as I go where you guide me to do what you ask of me. **Yes, it will. Listen to me. Rely on me. Live in your new relationship with me.** Yes Lord, I will. **I will guide your life.**

Lord, you are the word of God that drew me into a relationship with you. You broke the power of darkness over my life. You gave your life so I could have a new life in you. Your light guides me through darkness as I love, follow and serve you. Amen

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NIV

John 1:1-5

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ESV

John 1:1-5

Life*His Life Gave Life*

In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

NLT

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NKJV

John 1:1-5

Life*In Him Was Life*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

NRSV

John 1:1-5

Life*Was Life*

The Word was first, the Word present to God, God present to the Word. The Word was God, in readiness for God from day one. Everything was created through him; nothing—not one thing!— came into being without him. What came into existence was Life, and the Life was Light to live by. The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness; the darkness couldn't put it out.

MSG

John 1:1-5

Life*In Him Was Life*

IN THE beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself. He was present originally with God. All things were made and came into existence through Him; and without Him was not even one thing made that has come into being. In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men. And the Light shines on in the darkness, for the darkness has never overpowered it [put it out or absorbed it or appropriated it, and is unreceptive to it].

AMP

John 1:1-5

Life*Eternal Life Is In Him*

Before anything else existed, there was Christ, with God. He has always been alive and is himself God. He created everything there is—nothing exists that he didn't make. Eternal life is in him, and this life gives light to all mankind. His life is the light that shines through the darkness—and the darkness can never extinguish it.

TLB

John 1:1-5

Life*In Him Was Life*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

NASB

John 1:1-5

Life*In Him There Was Life*

In the beginning there was the Word. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things were made by him, and nothing was made without him. In him there was life, and that life was the light of all people. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overpowered it.

NCV

John 1:1-5

In Him Was Life

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Life – John 1:1-5

In Context: *Read John 1*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

Lord, you are the word of God that drew me into a relationship with you. You broke the power of darkness over my life. You gave your life so I could have a new life in you. Your light guides me through darkness as I love, follow and serve you. Amen

What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How has the word of God spoken to you and drawn you into a relationship with Him?

How has the life of Jesus Christ brought you out of darkness into His marvelous light?

How has the life and light of Jesus Christ broken the hold that darkness had on your life?

How has Christ created you with a desire to love, follow, and serve Him as your Savior and Lord?

How has the light of Jesus Christ been guiding you on the path of life with Him through this dark world?

Why will the darkness of this world never be able to overcome the light of Jesus Christ?

How is the light and life of Christ dwelling inside you making you able to be His light in the world?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Allow Jesus Christ to be your life and light as you love, follow and serve Him as your Savior and Lord.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that Jesus Christ is your life and light that will guide you through the darkness of this world.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how the life of Jesus Christ has drawn you into a relationship with Him.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

Allow the light and life of Jesus Christ to guide you through darkness as you follow Him as your Savior and Lord.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, you are my light and life and it is my joy to love, follow and serve you as my Savior and Lord.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I live as your light in the world today?
