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## **Fellowship With Me**

**Do you want to live in fellowship with me? Do you want to live in an intimate relationship with me? Do you want there to be no barriers between us?** Yes, I want to live in fellowship with you. Yes, I want to live in an intimate relationship with you. I certainly do not want there to be any barriers between us. These are all passionate desires of my heart. I could want and ask for nothing greater than to live my life in an intimate relationship with you. How can this desire be fulfilled in my life? **That is a very good question. There will be no mystery in the answer. When you gave your life to me, when you asked me to be your Savior and Lord, you told me that you would leave the darkness of your old life behind you. You said that you wanted to live and walk in the light with me. You said that you would keep your heart and mind and life focused on me.** Yes, I did say all these things to you. **Yes, and that was and is very good. Keep on leaving your old life of darkness behind you. Keep on living and walking in the light with me. Keep on focusing your heart and mind and life on me. Follow me to where I lead you. Do what I ask of you.** I will do all these things with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. I will keep on loving and following and serving you with all that is within me. **That is very good.**

**Now, there is one more thing that I want you to do.** Name it, and I will do it. **Come and confess your sins to me. Never think that you are without sin. Make it your daily pattern and practice to confess your sins to me so that you can receive the forgiveness and cleansing I have for you. Then you will live in an intimate relationship with me. Then there will be no barriers between us. Then you will live in fellowship with me.** It will be my joy to confess my sins and receive your forgiveness and cleansing. **That will be very good.**

*Lord, a couple things are absolutely certain. One, I am a sinner. I have sinned in my thoughts, words, and deeds. To think otherwise would be foolish, self-deception. Two, you will forgive and cleanse me of my sins as I confess them to you. That I will gladly do. Amen*

## Promises

### *Walk In The Light*

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

NIV

1 John 1:5-10

## Promises

### *Walk In The Light*

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

ESV

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## Promises

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NLT

1 John 1:5-10

## Promises

### *Walk In The Light*

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

NKJV

1 John 1:5-10

## Promises

### *Walk In The Light*

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

NRSV

1 John 1:5-10

## Promises

### *Walk In The Light*

This, in essence, is the message we heard from Christ and are passing on to you: God is light, pure light; there's not a trace of darkness in him. If we claim that we experience a shared life with him and continue to stumble around in the dark, we're obviously lying through our teeth—we're not *living* what we claim. But if we walk in the light, God himself being the light, we also experience a shared life with one another, as the sacrificed blood of Jesus, God's Son, purges all our sin. If we claim that we're free of sin, we're only fooling ourselves. A claim like that is errant nonsense. On the other hand, if we admit our sins—make a clean breast of them—he won't let us down; he'll be true to himself. He'll forgive our sins and purge us of all wrongdoing. If we claim that we've never sinned, we out-and-out contradict God—make a liar out of him. A claim like that only shows off our ignorance of God.

MSG

1 John 1:5-10

## Promises

### *Living And Walking In The Light*

And this is the message [the message of promise] which we have heard from Him and now are reporting to you: God is Light, and there is no darkness in Him at all [no, not in any way]. [So] if we say we are partakers together *and* enjoy fellowship with Him when we live *and* move *and* are walking about in darkness, we are [both] speaking falsely and do not live *and* practice the Truth [which the Gospel presents]. But if we [really] are living *and* walking in the Light, as He [Himself] is in the Light, we have [true, unbroken] fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus *Christ* His Son cleanses [removes] us from all sin *and* guilt [keeps us cleansed from sin in all its forms and manifestations]. If we say we have no sin [refusing to admit that we are sinners], we delude *and* lead ourselves astray, and the Truth [which the Gospel presents] is not in us [does not dwell in our hearts]. If we [freely] admit that we have sinned *and* confess our sins, He is faithful and just [true to His own nature and promises] and will forgive our sins [dismiss our lawlessness] and [continuously] cleanse us from all unrighteousness [everything not in conformity to His will in purpose, thought, and action]. If we say [claim] we have not sinned, we contradict His Word *and* make Him out to be false *and* a liar, and His Word is not in us [the divine message of the Gospel is not in our hearts].

AMP

1 John 1:5-10

## Promises

### *Living In The Light*

This is the message God has given us to pass on to you: that God is Light and in him is no darkness at all. So if we say we are his friends but go on living in spiritual darkness and sin, we are lying. But if we are living in the light of God's presence, just as Christ does, then we have wonderful fellowship and joy with each other, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from every sin. If we say that we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and refusing to accept the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he can be depended on to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong. [And it is perfectly proper for God to do this for us because Christ died to wash away our sins.] If we claim we have not sinned, we are lying and calling God a liar, *for he says we have sinned*.

TLB

1 John 1:5-10

## Promises

### *Walk In The Light*

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NASB

1 John 1:5-10

## Promises

### *Live In The Light*

Here is the message we have heard from Christ and now announce to you: God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. So if we say we have fellowship with God, but we continue living in darkness, we are liars and do not follow the truth. But if we live in the light, as God is in the light, we can share fellowship with each other. Then the blood of Jesus, God's Son, cleanses us from every sin. If we say we have no sin, we are fooling ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, he will forgive our sins, because we can trust God to do what is right. He will cleanse us from all the wrongs we have done. If we say we have not sinned, we make God a liar, and we do not accept God's teaching.

NCV

1 John 1:5-10

# Living In The Light

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Promises** – 1 John 1:5-10

**In Context:** Read 1 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?)***

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

What message has been proclaimed to you and what have you heard about Jesus Christ?

Why can you not walk in darkness and live in fellowship with Jesus Christ?

**How has the Lord pulled you out of darkness so you can walk in the light with Him?**

Why would it be foolish self-deception to think and say that you are without sin?

**How are you making it your daily pattern and practice to confess your sins to the Lord?**

**Why can you be certain that you will be forgiven and cleansed when you confess your sins to the Lord?**

Why would maintaining that you are not a sinner make the Lord out to be a liar?

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**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Make it your daily pattern and practice to confess your sins to the Lord.

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**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that you will be forgiven and cleansed of your sins as you confess them to the Lord.

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**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how it will become your daily practice to confess your sins to the Lord.

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**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?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

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

*May you live in the light as God is in the light.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

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

*Lord, help me to live in the light as you are in the light.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how will you help me to live in the light today?*

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