

## John 8:12

***Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."***

If you are over 40 years old or even over 30, then you probably remember a lot of old TV shows and movies that you used to watch growing up. There are even TV channels that play all those old sitcoms, movies and talk shows from the 50's, 60's, and 70's. But if you mentioned any of them to the younger generation, most of them never heard of them. I know I reference old cartoons, and TV shows, and movies to the high school kids at church, and they give me that blank look like, "What are you talking about?" My response is always, "Google it".

But if you think about it, movie/TV stars or athlete are a lot like fireworks. They shoot up quickly by coming on the scene and explode with fame with pretty lights in the sky and everyone goes "ohhhhh", but are gone as quick as they shoot up, as another firework replaces him or her. You could probably think of some of those old stars that you used to have a crush on and see them now and think, what happened to him or her?

Even Peter mentions how quickly that we as normal people are here and gone from this earth.

† **1 Peter 1:24** *because "All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away"*

But even though all these famous people explode in brightness for but a moment, Jesus has been shining forever. Even in today's devotional verse Jesus says, "***I am the light of the world.***" and His light has been shining for over 2000 years and has never gone out, nor will it ever go out even after this earth is gone.

† **Revelation 21:22-23** *But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.*

All of this reminded me of a short story I wrote titled "In Heaven" about what it may be like when we get to heaven. Here is a piece of it.

*I had seen others being brought before Jesus. And in His presence, all those words and questions they thought they would come to Jesus with, were all answered in a moment, as they realized that truly Jesus is King of kings and Lord of lords! So all they could do was bow their knee to Him. No questions and no excuses for the way they had lived their life. There were those who had such a huge name for themselves on the earth and yet I could not remember their name here, nor what they were famous for, yet they had rejected Jesus and were now confronted with the one they mocked and made fun of.*

It really makes you stop and think about who you are following or admiring, and how long they will last. Or even those who desire to be somebody, and realizing how short lived it is. Is it really worth being somebody for just a moment, like a firework in the sky, instead of having Jesus be everything in your life?

† **Matthew 16:26** *For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?*