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John 9:1-12

Anyone on a cave tour has probably experienced moments without light. As a teen, my family visited one of those caverns advertised on barns along the roadside. Outfitted for tourists to examine with a guide, it included steps, a railing, and electric lights. I vividly recall the moment our guide stopped in a narrow passage well beneath the surface. After instructing us not to move, the lights switched off. More than simply blindness, the inky blackness was overwhelming, thick, and oppressive. Though we experienced only a brief period of darkness, it was a huge relief when light was restored.

We are told that during extended periods of darkness, depression sets in and life is drained from the body. For those who have been lost or trapped in darkness, a single beam of light can become a life-changing ray of hope.

Jesus, the Light of the world, has come "to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners" (Isaiah 61:1b).

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