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The Lord wants you to live in His light.

Jer. 23:24 "*Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?" declares the LORD. "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" declares the LORD.* (NIV)

Okay, this morning is an honesty check. Have you ever done something thinking that no one will ever know? We tend to be like that sometimes. We want to do things in secret. We want to be in 'stealth' mode. Today, Jeremiah is reminds us of what the LORD responds to every person who thinks that they are 'getting away with something.' **Spoiler Alert**: You Are Not!

Let's just put it this way; there is absolutely nothing that the LORD does not know. He knows our thoughts, our meditations, our plans, our desires and our actions. He knows everything about us. Since He knows everything, it is futile for us to think that we are hiding something from Him. And here is the reason: He knows you and He knows me. He knit us together. He gave us our personality and gifted us with the intelligence to be able to respond to Him. Now this is not a bad thing. Him knowing everything we think and do allows Him to give us wisdom and direction if we will but pass everything before Him. Our honesty with Him will allow us to live in harmony with Him. Since He is good all the time, we can then check every desire and direction with Him up front. He will then show us what we are to do and what we are not to do. And this relationship will bring an openness and honesty that will help build a communication with Him that is uplifting and encouraging.

So, how can I live in this honesty? How can I walk, think and live in an honest relationship with Him? **Eph. 5:15-16** *Be very careful, then, how you live - not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.* **(NIV)**

Dear LORD, help us to live with full disclosure to You. You know us anyway. You know our hearts and our desires. Help us to come to You for Your strength and direction instead of relying on our own. You are good all the time! In Jesus Name, Amen