

Turn on the Light

Intro Story: Driving into Colorado at night—Light shows you the full picture.

Luke 1:78-79 New Life Version (NLV)⁷⁸ Because the heart of our God is full of loving-kindness for us, **a light from heaven** will shine on us. ⁷⁹ It will **give light** to those who live in darkness and are under the shadow of death. It will lead our feet in the way of peace.”

We live in a world where the lights have gone out—acting weird.

1 John 1:5 (NKJV)—**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.

- The very nature of God is to reveal, to show, to illuminate to shine light on your situation.
- Living your life without a relationship with God is like driving with no headlights.
- Working hard to climb the ladder, but at the top you realize you’ve placed it on the wrong building.

Story: Running into dam at night—lack of light distorts what you see

- We think it’s the right thing to do, but what if there is more to the picture that we can’t see.

2 Corinthians 4:4—*Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don’t believe. They are **unable to see**. They **don’t understand**...*

1 John 5:19 (NKJV) ...the whole world lies *under the sway* of the wicked one (lies in the *pain-ridden*, inevitable agonies and misery that accompany *evil*).

Ephesians 6:12 (NKJV) ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the **rulers of the darkness of this age**, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

Ephesians 6:12 (TPT) ¹² Your hand-to-hand combat is not with human beings, but with the highest principalities and authorities operating in rebellion under the heavenly realms. For they are a powerful class of demon-gods and evil spirits that **hold this dark world in bondage**.

...**unless the light** of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should **shine** on them.

For the light to help, you’ve got to turn on the light.

Ephesians 6:10-13 (NKJV) Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the **wiles** of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the **rulers of the darkness of this age**, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the

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heavenly *places*.¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Ephesians 6:10-13 (TPT) Now my beloved ones, I have saved these most important truths for last: Be supernaturally infused with strength through your life-union with the Lord Jesus. Stand victorious with the force of his explosive power flowing in and through you.¹¹ Put on God's complete set of armor provided for us, so that you will be protected as you fight against the **evil strategies** of the accuser!¹² Your hand-to-hand combat is not with human beings, but with the highest principalities and authorities operating in rebellion under the heavenly realms. For they are a powerful class of demon-gods and evil spirits that hold this dark world in bondage.¹³ Because of this, you must wear all the armor that God provides so you're protected as you confront the slanderer, for you are destined for all things and will rise victorious.

Romans 13:12 (NKJV)—let us put on the armor of light.

Psalms 119:130 (NKJV) The entrance of Your **words** gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

Psalms 119:105 (NKJV) *Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.*

- The Word of God shines light to reveal the truth in every situation.

John 12:46 (NLV) *I came to the world to be a **Light**. Anyone who puts his **trust in Me** will not be in darkness.*

We “put our trust in God” by letting the Word of God shine in our situation (like a flashlight).

- The “on” button is action

The way God works in our life is far more practical than magical.

- God is more of a scientist than He is a magician.
- We are disappointed when God doesn't work magic in our situation.
- You read the Word and do what it says to do in your situation.

He has principles that govern the universe. Some we are familiar with and others we aren't.

- The ones we aren't familiar with are the ones where we have to trust Him and His Word.

Example: Time travel example.

- God has access to all knowledge—we know very little of what is possible and how it's possible.

Maybe all we know about is the law of gravity, but what if the law of lift exists, but we don't know about it.

God says build this and you will fly.

You never get to fly if you are unwilling to build the wing.

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Many times God is telling us to build a wing, but because all we know is the law of gravity, we find it hard to trust the direction He is leading us.

This is where the Word of God comes in—it shows us a way of living that we cannot know by ourselves.

The Word illuminates a whole new world and way of living that seems completely different only because our present world is covered in darkness.

For all your life you might have lived a certain way, but now I'm telling you there is more to the story, and the Word of God illuminates all that has been shrouded in darkness. It shines and reveals a way of living that is not "normal" to everyone else because everyone else only sees and lives by half of the picture.

Isaiah 42:16 (NKJV) I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, and not forsake them.