

## 2015 Lighting the Way! Part 3

**Think about it...** Do something to change the world! Save one person this year! Every day can count! I can make a difference! This year will be different... "I'm ready!"

**"I am Your masterpiece created for the good works You planned for me long ago!" "God use me..."**

**So far...** Called to bear the light to those who are still waiting in the darkness! Those of us who have been lit by Jesus are supposed to shine brightly... City on a hill, candle on a stand... So all can see God's good works...

**Eph2.10** And glorify Him... **Matt 5.16** For the treasure of light He placed in these "earthen vessels." **2Cor 4.7**

**The Story of Light:** "In the beginning... the earth was without form, and void, and darkness was on the face of the deep... and God said let there be light, and there was..." **Gen 1.1-4** Then God created two great lights; Adam and Eve; man and woman. **Gen 1.26,27** Then sin entered the world and the earth was plunged into darkness. **Gen 3.6** Then there was Noah and sons... eight souls to turn on the lights... **Gen 6.8ff** And Babel to shout them off! **Gen 11** Then Abraham and his many stars! **Gen 15.8** And the darkness of doubt. **Numbers 14ff** The (intermittent) light of the kings, priests and prophets... **400 years of silence and darkness... Malachi – Matthew... Then Jesus light of the World (on)... then Jesus Lamb of God (off) AND THEN...**

**Acts 2.1-4** "And when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together, in one accord in one place and suddenly there came a sound from heaven like a rushing wind and it filled the house. And there appeared to them *tongues of fire*, distributed to each of them and they were filled with the Holy Spirit!

**"In Jesus was life and the life was the light of men... He shined in the darkness... lighting every man... and as many as received Him... to them He gave the power to become the sons and daughters of God!" John 1.4-12 "(Now) You are the light of the world... a candle lit for all to see... let your light shine so men can see your good works and glorify God in heaven..." Matt 5.14-16 We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus, for good works He prepared, planned, for us to walk in! Eph 2.10**

**In the scope of true faith, we were created, and equipped, to bear the light of God to the world... And the world is again, laying in darkness, waiting to see a great light coming to them!**

**Darkness Surrounds...** France! 2,000 dead, 17 towns gone, under the new Boko Haram caliphate! Police assassinations in New York! Cops on edge/hesitant to respond! Ferguson continues! Freeport! Justified shooting of assault suspect, only "justified" because a community activist declared it so! On the verge of anarchy!

**Motivation...** "God who commanded light to shine in the darkness has shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in Christ Jesus and that treasure is in earthen vessels! **2Cor 4.3-7** "The light of your body is the eye, if your eyes are clear you will have a brightly illuminated candle! If your eyes are not clear, your light will be dark and if your light is darkness how great is that darkness!" **Matt 6.22,23** *Magna Carta!* "What woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one, does not light a lamp, make a sweep of the house, and search carefully until it is found? And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found what was lost!' Likewise, *I say to you*, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." **Luke 15.8-10**

**"I have set you to be a great light to the unsaved, that you should be for salvation unto the ends of the earth!" Acts 13.47**

**Steering Current...** There were cars coming from all directions turning down the street onto our campus. They had come from Freeport, Bay City, Houston, Galveston, Pearland, and even further so they could come see what it was that they had heard about. As the car turned on the road to the parking lot, it hit a line of traffic with cars flowing in and out constantly. There was a thick cloud hovering over the sanctuary even though it was in a different place and this is what the Lord said, "If you will make my presence the main thing, if you will foster an

atmosphere where I can reveal myself among my people, then I will draw them from the north, south, east, and west to come and see that I am who I say that I am. If you will make my house a house of prayer and a place of genuine, authentic worship birthed out of an intimacy with me, I will remain there and will make myself known throughout that place. There I will set hearts on fire, I will heal my people, I will draw all men to myself. I will deliver the poor and oppressed. prison doors will fling open. There will be a greater anointing and a greater grace to carry out what it is that I have in store in that place. Men will run and not grow weary. Women will serve and their fire will not grow dim. Some will not continue on with you. I will open new doors for them to walk through and prosper them where I lead them, but you will not be left without men and women with a fire unlike anything you have seen before. An end to a season is not approaching, rather a transition into a new season. One that you saw from far off and didn't know if you would ever grab a hold of."

**We have a call this day to be a light, to bear the light, and together, to be a light-house for a world in darkness!**

**And it begins this day with people who will say: "God use me! God, use us!"**