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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

**John 1:9-10** *The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him.* (NIV)

A few days ago, we had a power outage in our area. It went off at about three a.m. and was off for about six hours. Now this is not so terrible most times except it was also below zero outside. When the furnace is off, the heat is off, and the lights are off. I stumbled around until I found the battery powered light that I thought I had strategically placed (not so strategic when it is pitch dark). I donned my head lamp and off I went trying to trouble-shoot the problem. Suffice it to say, I'm used to having light. I think I take it way too much for granted. As the old cartoon cave man once said, "light is good."

Well, if light is good, what about the 'true light?' Unlike most light which diminishes over a large distance, Jesus is the true light. He is the source of light. All light comes from Him. What are the first recorded words of the Lord? "Let there be light." Jesus is the essence of all light, and 'light is good.' Also, the 'true light' gives light to everyone. Anyone who chooses to look can see the light. It is amazing to me how many people don't want to look because they know they will see the light and they will have to change. Paul had admonished the church at Ephesus in **Eph. 5:11** *Have nothing to do with fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.* (NIV)

What we celebrate at Christmas is that the true light came into this world so that anyone who would believe in Him could see and experience new life. The tragedy is that many don't want to see. They love to cover their sin in the cloak of darkness. But sooner or later, all of these deeds will be brought to light. **1 John 1:7** *But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.* (NIV)

**Dear LORD, help us walk in the true light today so that we may experience true life as well. Thank You for sending the light into the world so that we could see and experience You. In Jesus Name, Amen**