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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:5 NIV)

The Greek word for *light* is *phos*, which means light, especially in terms of its results and what it manifests. This is the light of our God:

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Psalm 27:1a NIV)

Today's passage is a direct statement about Jesus, our Savior. There is no more critical time than now to see and experience the light of God.

Light is seen best in total darkness. If you were sitting in a completely dark room, and someone flipped on the light switch, you would immediately look to see who had done it. This was my mom's favorite ploy in the morning to get me up. It wasn't telling me to get up or shaking me. Those things didn't faze me at all, but when the light came on, I knew it was time to get up. For every Christian in this world, it is time for us to get up and show up. This world is growing darker and darker, and the need for light is so much more important:

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:14–16 NIV)

This can only happen if we—who know the Light—allow Him to shine through our lives, our conduct, and our speech. Think about the difference He can make through His children if we allow His light to shine. We are blessed to know the Light, and it produces a lasting fellowship with one another:

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. (1 John 1:7 NIV)

Dear Father, help us shine Your light in this extremely dark world. It is now, more than ever, that this light will illuminate the dark hearts and minds of so many. Fill us with Your light today. In Jesus's name, Amen.