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The Lord wants you to live in His light.

Mt. 4:16 *The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned. (NIV)*

Because of Jesus, we have the light of the world to illuminate a dark and dreary world. What once seemed gloomy and daunting, now is full of hope. We do not have to walk in the darkness of a fallen world, but instead, we can walk confidently in the light of the Son. He came so that we can see. He came so that we might know the true love of God. Have you ever looked through a set of binoculars? Depending on how far away something is, you can adjust the lens and bring an object into focus. Without Jesus, this world is blurry and total without focus because of the sin of man. Without Him, we see only death, trouble, sadness and gloom. But with Jesus, we can see the light in the midst of a great darkness.

There is a beautiful picture of this in **John 9:1-5** *As He went along, He saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. As long as it is day, we must do the works of Him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."* (NIV) Jesus is the light of the world and parenthetically, because He lives in us, we are also light in a very dark place. Let your light shine today. Allow Jesus to shine through you so that others will see Him in you.

Dear LORD, You are the light of the world. Help us to shine like stars in a dark and troublesome world. Thank You for Your light. In Jesus Name, Amen