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**The Lord wants you to live in His light.**

***Mt. 5:14-16 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. (NIV)***

It is interesting to me that we, as people who live in modern times, have more light than any other generation before us, and yet we keep living in an increasing darkness. We have a light switch in every room, lamps on our desks and our phones. There is no lack of physical light. Imagine living in our world just a little over one hundred years ago. There were no electric lights, no light switches on the wall, and no headlights on cars. And yet it seems that those people knew to look to the only true light, Jesus Christ.

Jesus is calling for us, as His light bearers, to lift up His light to this dark, dark world. We are to draw attention to His light so that people will be attracted to Him. We should let His light shine through us so that others will see Him. It is obvious where that kind of light emanates from. His light shines in the darkest of nights. His light draws the gaze of all those around. His light illuminates the shadows of sin and brings us the hope that every person needs. ***Ps. 121:1-2 I lift up my eyes to the mountains--where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. (NIV)***

**Dear LORD, help us to look up and be filled up so that we can show up and shine out for You. In Jesus Name, Amen**