

His Light For Our Darkest Days – Part 3

His Light For Our Chaos

Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, **“I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”**
John 8:12 (NLT)

“I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer wander in darkness.”
John 12:46 (LB)

I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. **But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”**
John 16:33 (NLT)

Principle: The answer for our chaos is to live in His light.

Living In His Light Means:

- 1. I trust God’s timing in my life even if it seems off.**
- 2. I trust God’s timing concerning world events.**

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, **during the reign of King Herod.** About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, *“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.”* **King Herod was deeply disturbed** when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. **He called a meeting** of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, *“Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?”* *“In Bethlehem in Judea,”* they said, *“for this is what the prophet wrote: ‘And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.’”* **Then Herod called for a private meeting** with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. Then he told them, *“Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!”*
Matthew 2:1-8 (NLT)

- **God sends Jesus into our chaos.**

So, what do you think? With God on our side like this, how can we lose? If God didn’t hesitate to put everything on the line for us, **embracing our condition and exposing himself to the worst by sending his own Son,** is there anything else he wouldn’t gladly and freely do for us?
Romans 8:31-32 (MSG)

This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God’s weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength.
1 Corinthians 1:25 (NLT)

- **Jesus overcame the world and all that is in it.**

I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God’s power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God’s right hand in the heavenly realms. Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church.
Ephesians 1:19-22 (NLT)

May God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. Jesus gave his life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live. All glory to God forever and ever!
Amen.
Galatians 1:3-5 (NLT)

3. I do not allow myself to get absorbed by the pressures of the day.

But let me say this, dear brothers and sisters: The time that remains is very short. So from now on, those with wives should not focus only on their marriage. Those who weep or who rejoice or who buy things should not be absorbed by their weeping or their joy or their possessions. Those who use the things of the world should not become attached to them. For this world as we know it will soon pass away. I want you to be free from the concerns of this life.
1 Corinthians 7:29-32a (NLT)

Now may the Lord of peace Himself grant you His peace at all times and in every way [that peace and spiritual well-being that comes to those who walk with Him, regardless of life’s circumstances]. The Lord be with you all.
2 Thessalonians 3:16 (AMP)

4. I hold firmly to the word of life.

Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. Hold firmly to the word of life; then, on the day of Christ’s return, I will be proud that I did not run the race in vain and that my work was not useless.
Philippians 2:14-16 (NLT)

So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?” He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
Acts 1:6-8 (NLT)