

## God's Word, A Lamp

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I drove to Corpus Christi, Texas so early that it was still dark; pitch- black, with not a hint of light. The fog rolling in made familiar, vast farm and ranchlands quite foreign and disorienting.

I couldn't locate any of our usual landmarks; like the old barn that tells me the double curves are coming up, or the horse training pens that let me know I'm halfway to Corpus.

Although I knew the road would still take me to Corpus Christi even though I could only see a few feet ahead, it was disconcerting to not see the mundane, well known landmarks.

I could detect some lights, though, in fields on light posts to illuminate a farmer's path to the barn, on top of wind turbines to warn aircraft, and other points of small light that gave me comfort in landmarking where I was even though the darkness and fog obscured most of the road I was on.

I felt Holy Spirit indicate one of the brighter lights and call it John 8:12. (Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the Light of life.").

At the next light I could see as we drove carefully on, He called it Deuteronomy 31:6. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; He will never leave you or forsake you"

And so on. At each point of light I passed, I felt Holy Spirit give it a scripture name. There was Isaiah 53:5, Lamentations 3:22-23, Psalm 139:11-12, and many others.

Finally, by the time I reached Corpus Christi (Latin for the Body of Christ), it was still dark and foggy but I felt refreshed by Holy Spirit giving me scriptural landmarks all along the way.

In fact, even when we drive this road in the daylight now, I call those landmarks of light by the scriptural names I learned that early morning.

And you, friend. If you're going through dark, obscured times where nothing looks familiar and you feel completely turned around, His light illuminates your way.

Find your scriptures, write them down, and use them as points of light for this road you're on.

|| *Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105*

## Practical Applications

In life, it is guaranteed that we will have times of trouble, sorrow, grief along with joy, happiness, love, and peace. Jesus said in John 16:33 “I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world, you will have trouble, but take heart, I have overcome the world.” The Voice translation reads like this, “I have told you these things so that you will be whole and at peace. In this world, you will be plagued with times of trouble, but you need not fear; I have triumphed over this corrupt world order.”

As you read through the real-life story above, the writer could not see the road ahead because of the darkness and the fog. Familiar landmarks were hidden, causing disorientation. In the distance, some lights broke through bringing a sense of comfort.

In this life, you will have both good times and hard times. Times of intense joy and times when it feels your heart has been ripped out of your chest and as you enter those times, God wants you to be so grounded in who He will be for you, that when you are searching for a place to stand, His Words given to you throughout your life will be the light and life that steadies you.

**TO THE TEAM** You may want to provide paper and pens to give to attendees. Have Bibles that can be used. Prepare ahead 20-30 minutes of soft worship to be played. You may also want to provide a handout with scriptures on it that those who are new Christians might use to choose their scriptures from. Handout provided, make copies.

- » With a piece of paper or a journal at hand and soft worship music filling the room, your Bible at hand, ask Holy Spirit to bring to your remembrance scriptures that speak of His unfailing love, His provision, His care, and other words of comfort that you can tuck away to read and commit to memory that provides a firm foundation beneath your feet so that when hard times come, you will not be shaken.
- » As you are comfortable, share a scripture that you have written down that you will use to build a firm foundation on which to stand in both good times and hard times.
- » Have people read aloud one or two of their scriptures. They need to hear their voice declaring the Word of the Lord for faith comes by hearing themselves declaring His Word.

Remember that these Words are a lamp for your feet and a light for your path each day. They are unshakable words, immovable words. They contain power, comfort, authority, and peace. These words build a firm foundation where you can live each day from. As you walk through the day, you will be stable, steady and you will not be moved by whatever comes your way for God is with you and has promised to never leave you alone.

## Scriptures that Provide a Firm Foundation and Light for Our Path

**Joshua 1:9** Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

**Psalms 18:30** “As for God, His way is perfect: The Lord’s word is flawless. He shields all who take refuge in Him.”

**2 Corinthians 9:8** “And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

**Isaiah 41:10** So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

**Isaiah 26:3** You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.

**Deuteronomy 31:8** The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

**Jeremiah 29:11** For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

**James 1:2-3** Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

**Isaiah 41:13** For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.

**Isaiah 43:2** When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

**Isaiah 54:17** No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from Me,” declares the LORD.

**2 Thessalonians 3:3** But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.

**Psalms 34:7** The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

**Proverbs 2:11** Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you.

**Psalms 119:114** You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in Your Word.

**Psalms 46:1** God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

**Philippians 4:19** And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

**Psalms 23:1** The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

**John 10:10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.