

PUZZLE 1

Shining Light

“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

MATTHEW 5:16 NIV

In the light of God’s presence, we shine. Just as the moon has no light of its own and yet it shines brightly at night, so do we reflect the light of God. We do not depend on our own goodness but God’s to stand out in our lives. As we walk on the path of God’s love, we are changed into his likeness.

What a relief it is that we don’t rely on our own strength. We are empowered to live as Christ as we lean into his grace that is like an ever-flowing fountain, replenishing our thirsty souls. Today we have an opportunity to press into love; how could we not reflect God’s heart if we live out of that place?

Father of light, you are the source of all life. I lean into your heart of love, knowing that as I receive out of the overflow of your heart, I have more than enough to give away to others. Thank you that your abundance is the measure I live out of, not my own scarcity. Be glorified in my life.

S Y S B S E E S H Q T T L Q Y
 T R A W Y Y R T Z D B L P L W
 R S D E E D A M F O R I F P O
 E P Y Q R P O E T O I G B R P
 N R G N E Z K H L G G H T E A
 G E U I L N E L C E H T L S I
 T S H A Y R I M O C T T T E Y
 H S Q T S W K H H S L G D N T
 H K N N W D D U S V Y E N C S
 E A K U S S E N E K I L T E R
 A D L O B Y Z Y O K Y N H B I
 V H K F O V H U A U E P G R H
 E R O Z D H G I D F K S I R T
 N Z S Y O Y F I R O L G N Z L
 R E F L E C T S L B Y N O O M

BRIGHTLY
DEEDS
FOUNTAIN
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OTHERS
PATH
PRESENCE
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RELY
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SHINE
STRENGTH
THIRSTY

PUZZLE 2

Lifelong Love

Surely your goodness and love will be with me all my life,
and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

PSALM 23:6 NCV

God has never withheld his love from us. He is full of compassion for us, meeting us at every turn with the kindness of a good father. This love that covers us in our triumphs and successes is the same love that carries us through our darkest days.

There is no moment, no season, and no circumstance where God removes his presence from us. In him we find everything we need for life, and not just survival. All the days of our lives we are wrapped in the kindness of our God. Where we have trouble seeing his perfect character toward us, may we have eyes to see where he is already working things out for our good.

Loving Father, I am covered by your grace that empowers me to live with my hope set on you. Your presence is my portion today and forever. Fill me with your perfect love. If I am overwhelmed by anything today, may it be with your kindness!

C Q S O N O B N O S A E S Z R
 I A H V O E V O L K R R I I Y
 R L P E I G O O D N E S S N P
 C R M D S L M Q W V V P C G D
 U E U E S W Q R E C E W S K E
 M A I P A D T R H R R P U B R
 S D R P P D O A F K Y E R O E
 T Y T A M F R E I E T S V V V
 A G A R O A C N P Y H U I O O
 N V W W C T D Y G L I O V R C
 C C U T K N L N N I N H A U F
 E A E E E W Q T H F G L L N O
 P R G S U S U C C E S S E S P
 E C S N N F B S M O M E N T Q
 G N I K R O W S E I F G V K S

ALREADY
 CHARACTER
 CIRCUMSTANCE
 COMPASSION
 COVERED

EVERYTHING
 FOREVER
 GOODNESS
 HOUSE
 KINDNESS

LIFE
 LOVE
 MOMENT
 PERFECT
 SEASON

SUCCESSES
 SURVIVAL
 TRIUMPHS
 WORKING
 WRAPPED

PUZZLE 3

God's People

The LORD will not abandon His people on account of His great name, because the LORD has been pleased to make you a people for Himself.

1 SAMUEL 12:22 NASB

Looking in the Word, we see evidence of God's loyal love to his people. He does not give up or turn away from those who seek him. And even if we turn away, he warmly and willingly welcomes us back! Consider the parable of the prodigal son. He left his father's house, going his own way, squandering his inheritance. When he returned, he came as a broken man left with no other options, covered in shame.

What was the father's response? Was it a cold shoulder or an, "I told you so"? No, he ran out to meet his broken son, covered him in his own robe, and called for a lavish celebration. The son was ready to beg to live on his father's land as a servant, yet he was completely restored as an honored son. In the same way, we come to God with all of our shame and he covers us in his love, restoring us as his children and heirs.

Gracious Father, you are full of mercy and kindness to all who come to you. I will not stay away. I approach you with the humility of my circumstances and the confidence of your child. Even as I question how you could ever accept me as I am, I freely come to you again. Wrap me in your unfailing love.

U T W I L L I N G L Y C N Z W
 I Y F A N E K O R B E V W Y H
 A P E O P L E N P L G T E F W
 C Q W D U C B F E L A S G E B
 C E O R M T O B C E N A L I Y
 O M Z G U U R N R O K C A P O
 U A D Y H A W G P D O K V L L
 N N E G T L I S E M E G I E O
 T D R I Q Z E R E T C A S A Y
 G S O G G R O S C W N B H S A
 Q N T Y Q N M Q E Q E A E E L
 O Z S M O Y E M M M D N M D N
 K F E H H C R A M Y I D A F V
 W A R M L Y C Q Z O V O H Y V
 E V O L M P Y E R M E N S I L

ABANDON
ACCOUNT
BROKEN
CELEBRATION
EVIDENCE

GREAT
HONORED
LAVISH
LOVE
LOYAL

MERCY
NAME
PEOPLE
PLEASED
RESPONSE

RESTORED
SHAME
WARMLY
WELCOMES
WILLINGLY

PUZZLE 4

Filled by Power

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

ROMANS 15:13 CSB

When doubts cause confusion to fill our minds, and hope feels like a lost luxury of the innocent, it is hard to find strength to persevere in belief. What then? Do we will change into existence? Do we punish ourselves because we have missed the mark yet again? Do we disqualify ourselves as not good enough?

Our God is not a taskmaster. He does not require perfection—not ever! He does not expect us to transform into carbon copies of Jesus. We were created as unique reflections of his love. It is the power of the Holy Spirit, our constant companion, that fills us with everything we need to live a life of faith, joy, peace, and hope. Where there is lack in our lives, there is space for an invitation of God’s power to permeate us, to change us.

Holy Spirit, I invite you into my lack today. There is so much. Yet you are the hope that fills me and empowers me to persevere in believing for breakthrough. Bring peace to my mind and heart today. I welcome you to come and change me again from the inside out.

W M Q E S E A E V E I L E B T
 N V T Q S N R D O U B T S U R
 O T E A N P O E M Q D V G N A
 I G W D S L A I V W G V V I N
 S S T F N K M C T E B Y E Q S
 U M N N I O M W E C S H H U F
 F N A J O L I A O G E R U E O
 N O T D O I L T S L Q L E E R
 O I S T B Y T L A T F A F P M
 C N N Z V F P C U T E R B E Y
 V A O R M W T E E X I R E A R
 N P C E W H S H A F U V P V S
 B M S W C W O Z Z C R R N H O
 Z O K O E P Y K W T E E Y I Z
 Q C C P E U D K Z Q O D P S R

BELIEVE
COMPANION
CONFUSION
CONSTANT
DOUBTS

FILL
HOPE
INVITATION
JOY
LUXURY

OVERFLOW
PEACE
PERFECTION
PERSEVERE
POWER

REFLECTIONS
SPACE
TASKMASTER
TRANSFORM
UNIQUE

PUZZLE 5

Pause

As I thought of you I moaned,
“God, where are you?”
I’m overwhelmed with despair
as I wait for your help to arrive.

Pause in his presence.

PSALM 77:3 TPT

There are times in life where there is no silver lining. We cannot create goodness out of what looks like desolation and destruction. It is not a failure to be desperate. When we can't see how anything can grow out of the devastation of our lives, we do not need to pretend to be hopeful.

Let us come to God, asking him the questions that lurk in the corners of our mind. “Where are you?” may be the cry that comes out. When all seems lost, let us take the time to wait on him. This is an invitation to remember who God is. Not who he was or will be, but who he is right now. Yes, it's all the same because he is unchanging, but sometimes our hearts need the reminder that he is with us, right here and right now. Let's take a cue from the psalmist and pause in God's presence.

Everlasting God, you are the same yesterday, today, and forever. As I come to you with the desperation of a heart that is overwhelmed, I take the time to pause before you.

A R E R E H W E G L C Q K R D
 N P O W E R C L L N P K I E E
 D L Y A R N N V U B I A Z S M
 D T P R E V M U R O P N Q U L
 V Y W S S N H E K S Z I I O E
 S R E V L I S I E G I R V L H
 P R Q A G N H D N K Y R P E W
 P R U N D P A R R I V E T T R
 U D E D N E T E R P H A B H E
 Z E S I E H N L P W R Z T O V
 G N T T S E M C O E A B N U O
 T A I I U L B E P S H I B G M
 M O O M A P W S U C T Z T H A
 N M N E P V E L O C L L N T B
 E Z S T F D Y D T V H Q O Z V

ARRIVE
 CUE
 DESPAIR
 DESPERATE
 HELP

LINING
 LOST
 LURK
 MOANED
 OVERWHELMED

PAUSE
 POWER
 PRESENCE
 PRETEND
 QUESTIONS

SILVER
 THOUGHT
 TIME
 WAIT
 WHERE