



## *Lessons for Life*

**You Light Up My Life**  
Christmas Presence - 2  
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"Jesus said, '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 the darkness.'" John 12:46 (LB)

### **I. We All Need A Light When ...**

\* We're **DISAPPOINTED**

"I hoped for happiness and light, but trouble and darkness came instead." Job 30:26 (GNT)

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\* **We're STRESSED**

"I have cried desperately for help, but still it does not come." Psalm 22:1 (GNT)

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\* **We're UNCERTAIN**

"The one who walks in the dark does not know where he is going." John 12:35 (GNT)

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\* **We're DEPRESSED**

"The thought of my pain... is bitter poison. I think of it constantly, and my spirit is depressed." Lamentations 3:19-20 (GNT)

"Lover, friend, acquaintance - all are gone. There is only darkness everywhere." Psalm 88:18 (LB)

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**Where's the Light?**

"You, Lord, are my light; you dispel my darkness!"  
2 Samuel 22:29 (GNT)

## II. The Light Shines When ...

### 1. I remember His PRESENCE

"The Lord is near to those who are discouraged; he saves those who have lost all hope."

Psalm 34:18 (GNT)

"The plans I have for you, says the Lord, are plans to prosper you, not to harm you...to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

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### 2. I receive His STRENGTH

"I have the strength for all things in Christ who empowers me - I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him who infuses inner strength into me." Philippians 4:13 (AMP)

"Even though I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, Lord, for you are with me."

Psalm 23:4 (GNT)

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### 3. I recognize His **GUIDANCE**

"Jesus said, 'I am the Light of the world. So if you follow me, you won't be stumbling through the darkness, for living light will flood your path.'"

John 8:12 (LB)

"Your words are a flashlight to light the path ahead of me and keep me from stumbling."

Psalms 119:105 (LB)

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### 4. I respond to His **CHANGE**

"It is possible for light to turn the thing it shines upon into light also!" Ephesians 5:13 (Ph)

"The light produces in men quite the opposite of sins like these—everything that is wholesome and good and true." Ephesians 5:9 (Ph)

"...the darkness in our lives disappears and the new light of life in Christ shines in." 1 John 2:8 (LB)

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