

## ***Living in the Light of God's Power***

- **Day One – Read Psalm 68:32-35 & 2 Timothy 1:7.** Think of the mighty power of God, demonstrated in the forces of nature. For example, one lightning strike contains 100 million volts, 13,000 million horse power, and produces 5 times the heat of the sun! Think of the statement that “God gives power to his people.” Think of the sufficiency of God’s power!

**Pray** and ask God to fill you with his power, and to give you the power to live for him with trust, obedience, purity and courage.

- **Day Two – Read 1 John 1:5, 7 & Ephesians 5:8-11, 11-14.** “Living in the light” means open and honest communication with God – nothing held back, nothing hidden or covered. What is it in your life today that you need to “bring into the light?” God will cleanse and forgive what is confessed. Thankfully, Jesus bring truth and grace. We desperately need both!

**Pray** and ask God to shine his light of truth and grace in your life today. Open up to him what is hidden and let him cleanse you from the inside out! What is given to him, he takes. What we hang on to, we’re stuck with! Let it go! Give it to him! Let’s live in the light!

## ***family app***

Get in a circle (preferably sitting on the floor) and talk about the qualities of light that we need in our lives (light to see, warmth, power, etc.) and how God brings light into our lives through Christ. (Optional plan: Go together and drive around to see the Christmas lights on houses. Then, come back and discuss which were your favorites and then talk about the light of Christ with the preceding questions.)

Close by sharing in a time of prayer together.

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## ***“The Light of God’s Power”***

### ***Overcoming the Darkness #3***

Psalm 68:32-35; Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; John 1:1-5, 9-14; Exodus 12:12-14; 24:8; Matthew 26:28; 1 Peter 1:19; Revelation 5:9

**Psalm 68:32-35** (NIV) <sup>32</sup> **Sing to God**, O kingdoms of the earth, **sing praise** to the Lord, <sup>33</sup> to him who rides the ancient skies above, who thunders with mighty voice. <sup>34</sup> **Proclaim the power of God**, whose majesty is over Israel, whose power is in the skies. <sup>35</sup> **You are awesome, O God**, in your sanctuary; the God of Israel gives **power** and **strength** to his people. **Praise be to God!**  
2 Timothy 1:7

### ***Light Reveals Light Heals Light Empowers***

**Isaiah 9:2, 6-7a** (NIV) <sup>2</sup> The people walking in darkness have seen a **great light**; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a **light has dawned**. <sup>6</sup> For to us a **child is born**, to us a **son is given**, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace**. <sup>7a</sup> Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. **He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.** John 1:5

### ***The Light of God's Presence***

**Joshua 1:9** (NLT) <sup>9</sup> The Lord your God is **with you wherever you go.**  
Isaiah 9:6; Hebrews 13:5

### ***The Light of God's Promise***

**Hebrews 10:23** (NLT) <sup>23</sup> **Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.**  
John 20:21; 2 Peter 1:3-11

## ***Living in the Light of God's Power***

**John 1:9, 11-12** (NIV) <sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right and power to become children of God.  
*exousia – "authority and ability"*  
John 8:12, 31b-32

## ***Christ Brings the Light of God's Power***

### ***1. The Power to Create and Sustain.***

**Genesis 1:3-4** (NLT) <sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness.

**Colossians 1:15-17** (NLT) <sup>15</sup> Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, <sup>16</sup> for through him God created everything ... Everything was created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.

**Acts 17:28a** <sup>28a</sup> In him we live and move and have our being.

**2 Corinthians 5:17** (NIV) <sup>17</sup> If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

### ***2. The Power to Reveal and Guide.***

**John 8:12** (NIV) <sup>12</sup> Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."  
1 John 1:8-9

**John 8:12** (MSG) <sup>12</sup> "I am the world's Light. No one who follows me stumbles around in the darkness. I provide plenty of light to live in."  
Psalm 89:15; 119:105; 2 Timothy 1:7

**Ephesians 5:8, 13-14** (NIV) <sup>8</sup> You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light <sup>13</sup> Everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

**2 Corinthians 3:18** (NIV) <sup>18</sup> And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.  
Matthew 3:11; Acts 1:8

### ***3. The Power to Redeem and Restore.***

**John 10:10b** (NIV) <sup>10b</sup> I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.  
Psalm 51:10; Isaiah 40:31

**1 John 1:5, 7** (NLT) <sup>5</sup> This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: **God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all.** <sup>7</sup> **If we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.**

**Ephesians 1:3, 5, 7** (NIV) <sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.** <sup>5</sup> He **predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—** <sup>7</sup> **In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.**  
Exodus 12:12-14; John 1:29; Luke 19:10

**Matthew 26:26-28** (NIV) <sup>26</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "**Take and eat; this is my body.**" <sup>27</sup> Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup> **This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.**"  
Exodus 12:12-14; Galatians 4:4-6; Ephesians 1:7

**Joel 2:25a** (NKJV) <sup>25a</sup> "I will restore to you the years that the locust has eaten."  
Psalm 51:7b, 11-12