

WHERE THE LIGHT IS #4

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“Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” John 8:12 NIV

“You, LORD, are my lamp; the LORD turns my darkness into light. With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall.” 1 Samuel 22:29-30 NIV

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“If you live wide-eyed in wonder and belief, your body fills up with light. If you live squinty-eyed in greed and distrust, your body is a musty cellar. Keep your eyes open, your lamp burning, so you don’t get musty and murky. Keep your life as well-lighted as your best-lighted room.”

Luke 11:35-36 MSG

BIG IDEA:

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WHERE THE LIGHT IS: GOD’S SPIRIT

“Once people have seen the light, gotten a taste of heaven and been part of the work of the Holy Spirit, once they’ve personally experienced the sheer goodness of God’s Word and the powers breaking in on us—if then they turn their backs on it, washing their hands of the whole thing, well, they can’t start over as if nothing happened. That’s impossible.” Hebrews 6:4-5 MSG

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT = _____.

“My counsel is this: Live freely, animated and motivated by God’s Spirit. Then you won’t feed the compulsions of selfishness. Since this is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives.” Galatians 5:16, 25 MSG

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT = _____.

“The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!”

Galatians 5:22-23 NLT

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT = _____.

“My response is to get down on my knees before the Father, this magnificent Father who parcels out all heaven and earth. I ask him to strengthen you by his Spirit—not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength—that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite him in.”

Ephesians 3:16-17 MSG

“For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.” 2 Cor. 4:6-7 NIV

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT = _____.

“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.” John 16:13 NIV

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT = _____.

“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.” John 14:26 NIV

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT = _____.

“So don’t be so surprised when I tell you that you have to be ‘born from above’—out of this world, so to speak. You know well enough how the wind blows this way and that. You hear it rustling through the trees, but you have no idea where it comes from or where it’s headed next. That’s the way it is with everyone ‘born from above’ by the wind of God, the Spirit of God.” John 3:7-8 MSG

TURNING POINTS = POINTS OF LIGHT

Turning point: a moment in time when a decisive change occurs

“Don’t waste your time on useless work, mere busywork, the barren pursuits of darkness. Expose these things for the sham they are. It’s a scandal when people waste their lives on things they must do in the darkness where no one will see. Rip the cover off those frauds and see how attractive they look in the light of Christ. Wake up from your sleep, climb out of your coffins; Christ will show you the light! So watch your step. Use your head. Make the most of every chance you get. These are desperate times! Don’t live carelessly, unthinkingly. Make sure you understand what the Master wants. Don’t drink too much wine. That cheapens your life. Drink the Spirit of God, huge drafts of him. Sing hymns instead of drinking songs! Sing songs from your heart to Christ. Sing praises over everything, any excuse for a song to God the Father in the name of our Master, Jesus Christ.”

Ephesians 5:11-20 MSG

FOR DISCUSSION

HOW HAS GOD’S PRESENCE MOST HELPED YOU? (PICK ONE & EXPLAIN BRIEFLY)

NEW PERSPECTIVES NEW HELP NEW COURAGE NEW POWER

WHY ARE TRANSFORMATIONS IN GOD SO IMPORTANT TO GOD? WHAT MESSAGE DO THEY SEND?

WHICH ASPECT OF “LIFE IN THE SPIRIT” DISCUSSED TODAY IS MOST RELEVANT TO YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW? WHY?

HOW DO WE DRIFT INTO THE DARKNESS OF LIFE IN SELF AND AWAY FROM LIFE IN THE SPIRIT?

HOW CAN YOU WORK WITH GOD BETTER TO CREATE MORE TURNING POINTS (MOMENTS OF DECISIVE CHANGE)?

ACTION STEP FOR EXPERIENCING A POINT OF LIGHT:

HAVE ANOTHER MAN PRAY OVER YOU AND SPECIFICALLY ASK GOD FOR AN OUTPOURING OF HIS SPIRIT ON YOU AND FOR A TURNING POINT IN YOUR LIFE.

“The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with.”

James 5:17 MSG

