

# Being Light in a Dark World

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## Things that can keep us from being light in the darkness

We must realize that WE ARE FREE!

Isaiah 61:1

Luke 4:18

John 8:34

And yet, even though we have been set free by what Christ has done, we can still be living life behind a spiritual prison door of our own making, choosing to stay inside as if we are trapped...even though the door is unlocked.

First of all an example of total belief, and absence of fear

Daniel 3:8-30..... Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego

Locked up in unbelief and Fear:

Judges 6:11-40 and 7:1:-22.... Gideon

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What about after we step out, break the jar around our lamp and let our light shine?

There is *no formula* to use. If there were, we would not need to rely on God.

Scriptures of encouragement...

Ephesians 2:10..... We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Acts 13:38-39..... Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through Him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.

Rom. 8:1-2..... Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

The good news is that we are not alone. God has given us a perfect set of tools to use, including...

- (1.) Ability to Pray directly to our Heavenly Father
  - (2.) The Greatest Manual in the history of the world- the Word of God...*the bible*
  - (3.) An amazing Guide to show us the way...*the Holy Spirit*
  - (4.) Fellow believers- to offer encouragement and prayer and practical help
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The question is, what is God saying to you?

And how will you respond?

**Let us take the risk and believe we can walk out into the freedom He has for us!**