



# WE ARE A CITY ON A HILL THAT CANNOT BE HIDDEN!

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Francis Bacon. Galileo Galilei. Sir Isaac Newton. Abraham Lincoln. Through much of human history, some of the brightest thinkers, greatest innovators and most influential leaders have been people who have proudly lifted the banner of faith in Christ. They stood as beacons of hope, shining a light that has far surpassed their time here on earth. Their influence cannot be denied. As bright as any one individual shone, they couldn't hold a candle to the communities of people who decided to be great together! When communities of little lights unite, they form a beacon far greater than the sum of their parts.

And so it was with the early church. As they chose to shine their collective light for Christ, they blazed a trail that stands to this day. You are the light of the world. God is calling all of his little lights to stand *together* as a city on a hill that cannot be hidden. By seeking him passionately, walking in purity and choosing love that puts others first, we can keep shining like those who have gone before us. Like flashlights pointing to Jesus, make today the next step in a revival that people cannot ignore because of how we live together!

“You are the light of the world. *A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.* Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven” Matthew 5:14-16 – Emphasis added.

## QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:

1. *Are you committed to your community of faith, your church? In what ways do you show that commitment? Who are specific people within your church you feel called to walk and shine with as a city on a hill?*
2. *Are there any places you are distracted or not giving your best to your church? Are there any places you are walking as a consumer instead of as a contributor? How is God calling you to respond?*

## PRAYER:

*Father, I desire my local church and the global church to shine brightly for Jesus. Lord, I lift up my life to you as a light and ask you to illuminate the darkness through me. Help me to stand together, united with my church and believers around the world. Help us shine together as a beacon of hope, healing and freedom to our communities, pointing others to you.*

## LISTENING TIME:

*Stop for a few minutes and ask the Lord what he wants to say to you. He might bring to mind a picture, a word, a song, an encouragement, a Scripture or an answer to a burden in your heart. Don't rush or feel pressure to figure*

*out the meaning of your impressions. Just invite him to speak and draw or write down what you sense. Afterward, ask God to help you discern and understand what he is saying to you. You might want to ask other trusted friends in the Kingdom for their input as well.*

**USE THE FOLLOWING SPACE TO RECORD WHAT GOD IS SAYING**

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**TOOLS FOR FAMILY DEVOTIONS:**

Take the family into a room without windows and turn off the lights so that they can experience darkness. Give everyone a candle and, after lighting yours, use yours to light each of theirs to show what happens when we stand together as light. Pray for your family to shine God’s light *together!*

**TOOLS FOR PRAYING FOR OTHERS:**

Pray for your church to be *one* united Body that recognizes each other’s gifts. Thank God for as many of the individual “lights” (people) within your church that he brings to mind. Pray also thanking him for the individual ministries of your church and what they bring to the rest of the Body. Write a note of encouragement to someone in your church.