



## **Light of the World - Part 2 - Surviving the Darkness**

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In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.  
- John 1:4-5

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. <sup>9</sup> Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. <sup>10</sup> He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us.  
- 2 Corinthians 1:8-10

### **SURVIVING THE DARKNESS**

#### **1) SHOCK.**

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: <sup>10</sup> If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.  
- Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

#### **2) SORROW.**

He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. - Isaiah 53:3

Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. <sup>2</sup> From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. - Psalm 61:1-2

#### **3) STRUGGLE.**

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”  
- Matthew 27:46

#### **4) SURRENDER.**

I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark.  
- John 12:46

#### **5) SANCTIFICATION.**

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. <sup>4</sup> Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. - James 1:2-4

#### **6) SERVICE.**

You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. - Matthew 5:14-16

- **I can't control what happens to me, but with God's help, I can choose MY RESPONSE.**