



LIGHT
OF
Christmas



HOPE CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING



LIGHT
Of the
World

“AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH, AND DWELT AMONG US...”

The
WORD
John 1:1-5



**I have come into the
world as a**

LIGHT

**So that no one who
believes in me should
stay in darkness.**

John 12:46

**I AM
the Light of
the World.**



DARKNESS
OF
Christmas

HOPELESSNESS

CAN DESTROY EVERYTHING

FORSAKEN

"You are not lovable"

CAPTIVE

"This is how it will always be"

POWERLESS

"They will never change"

HELPLESS

"No one can or wants to help"

DOOMED

"Your future is destroyed"



Where do you fix your
HOPE?



JESUS CHRIST



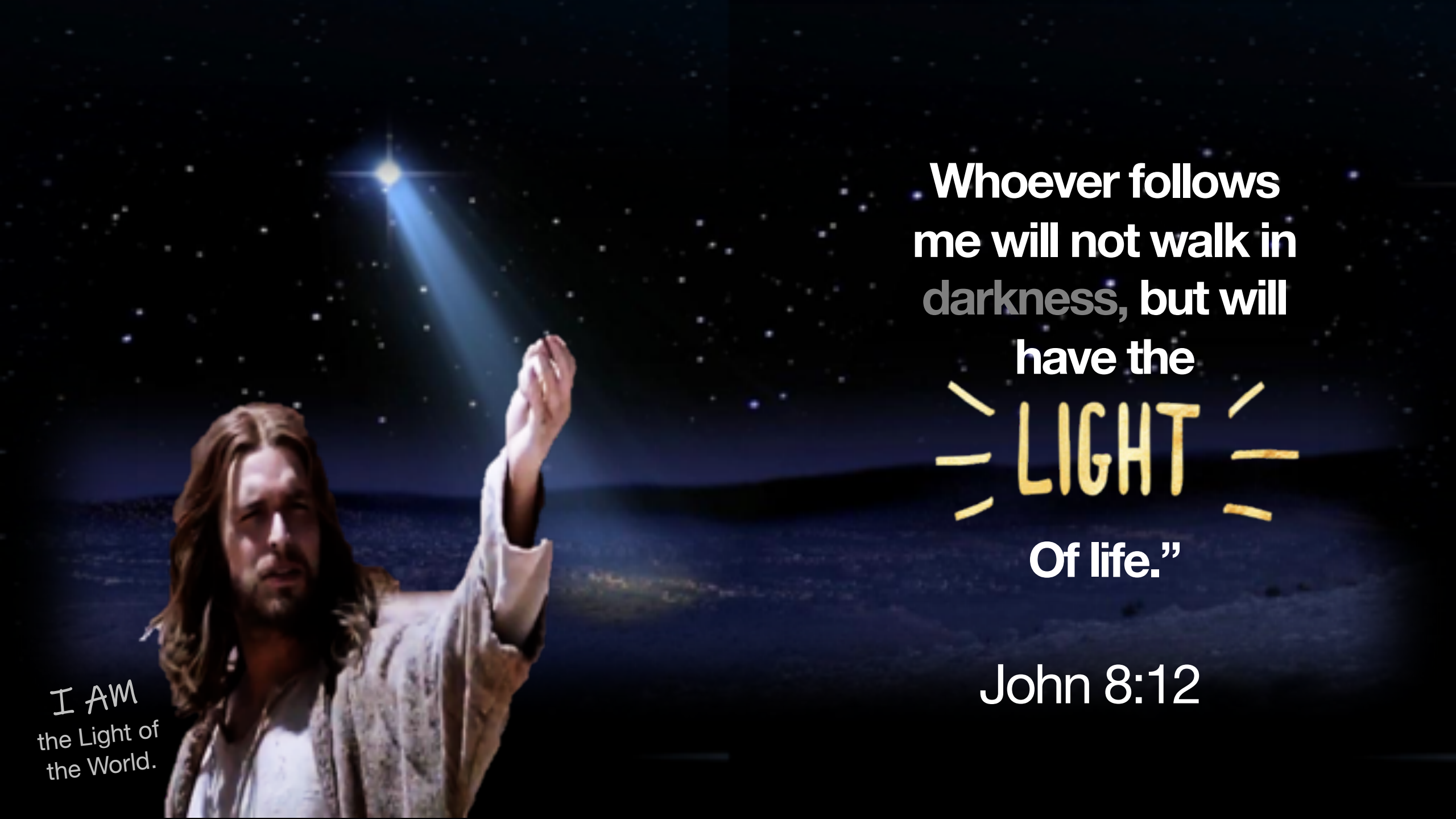
HEALTH / POSSESSIONS / FINANCES



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**Where do you fix your
HOPE?**






Whoever follows
me will not walk in
darkness, but will
have the

LIGHT

Of life.”

John 8:12

I AM
the Light of
the World.



LIGHT
Of the
City

HOPELESSNESS

Fighting Back

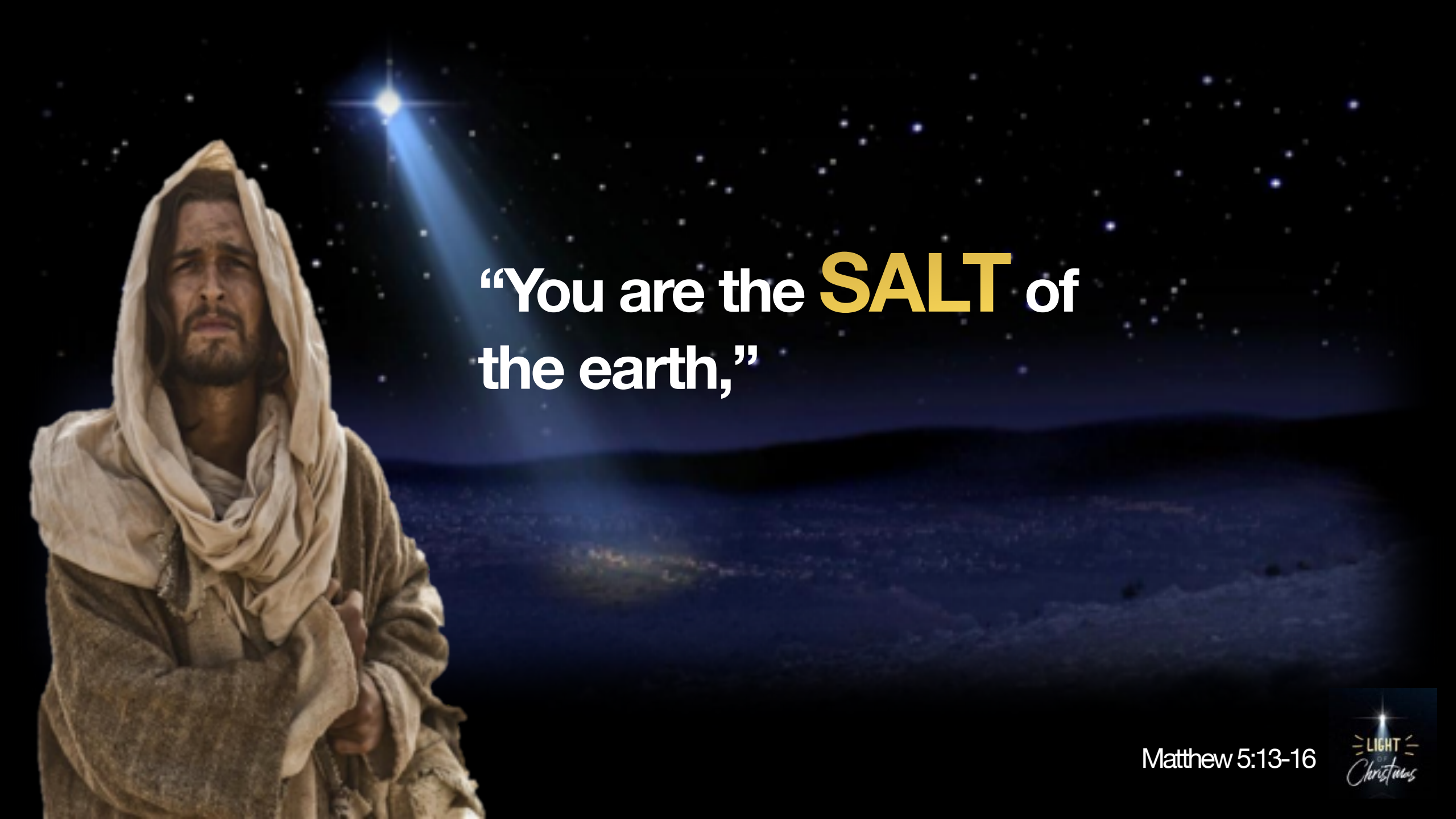


HOPE 
CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING



Fighting Back!

“WE CAN **SHINE** A GLIMMER OF HOPE ON THE SOUL WHO IS GIVING UP.”

A man with a beard, wearing a white hooded robe, stands in a dark, starry night sky. A bright star in the upper left corner emits a blue beam of light that illuminates the scene. The background is a dark, starry sky with a faint horizon line.

“You are the **SALT** of
the earth,”

Matthew 5:13-16





**What do we know about
SALT?**

PRESERVES

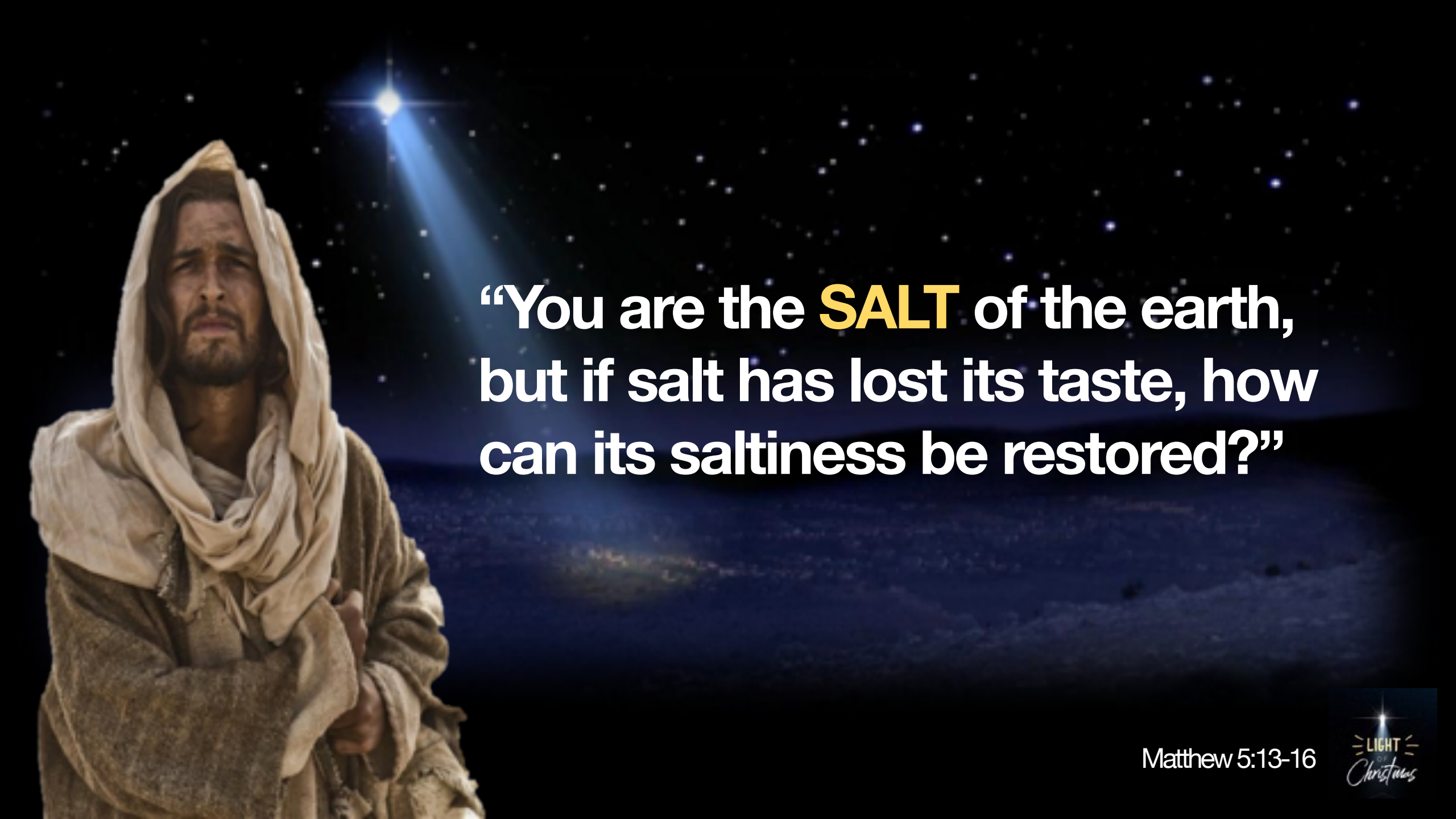
(Makes it Last)



PROMOTES

(Makes it Better)


What do we know about
SALT?

A man with a beard, wearing a white hooded robe, is shown from the chest up, looking upwards and to the right. The background is a dark, starry night sky with a bright star in the upper left corner that casts a blue beam of light across the scene. The overall mood is contemplative and spiritual.

“You are the **SALT** of the earth,
but if salt has lost its taste, how
can its saltiness be restored?”

Matthew 5:13-16



A man with a beard, wearing a white hooded robe, is shown from the chest up, looking upwards with a contemplative expression. The background is a dark, starry night sky with a prominent bright star in the upper left quadrant, casting a blue beam of light across the scene. The overall mood is serene and spiritual.

**“It is no longer good for anything
except to be thrown out and
trampled under people’s feet”**

Matthew 5:13-16





“You are the
the world,”

— LIGHT — of

Matthew 5:13-16





I am a
LIGHT BEARER

For God, who said,
“Let **LIGHT** shine
out of darkness,” has
shone in our hearts to
give the light of the
knowledge of the glory
of God in the face of
Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6



**What do we know about
LIGHT?**

REFLECTS

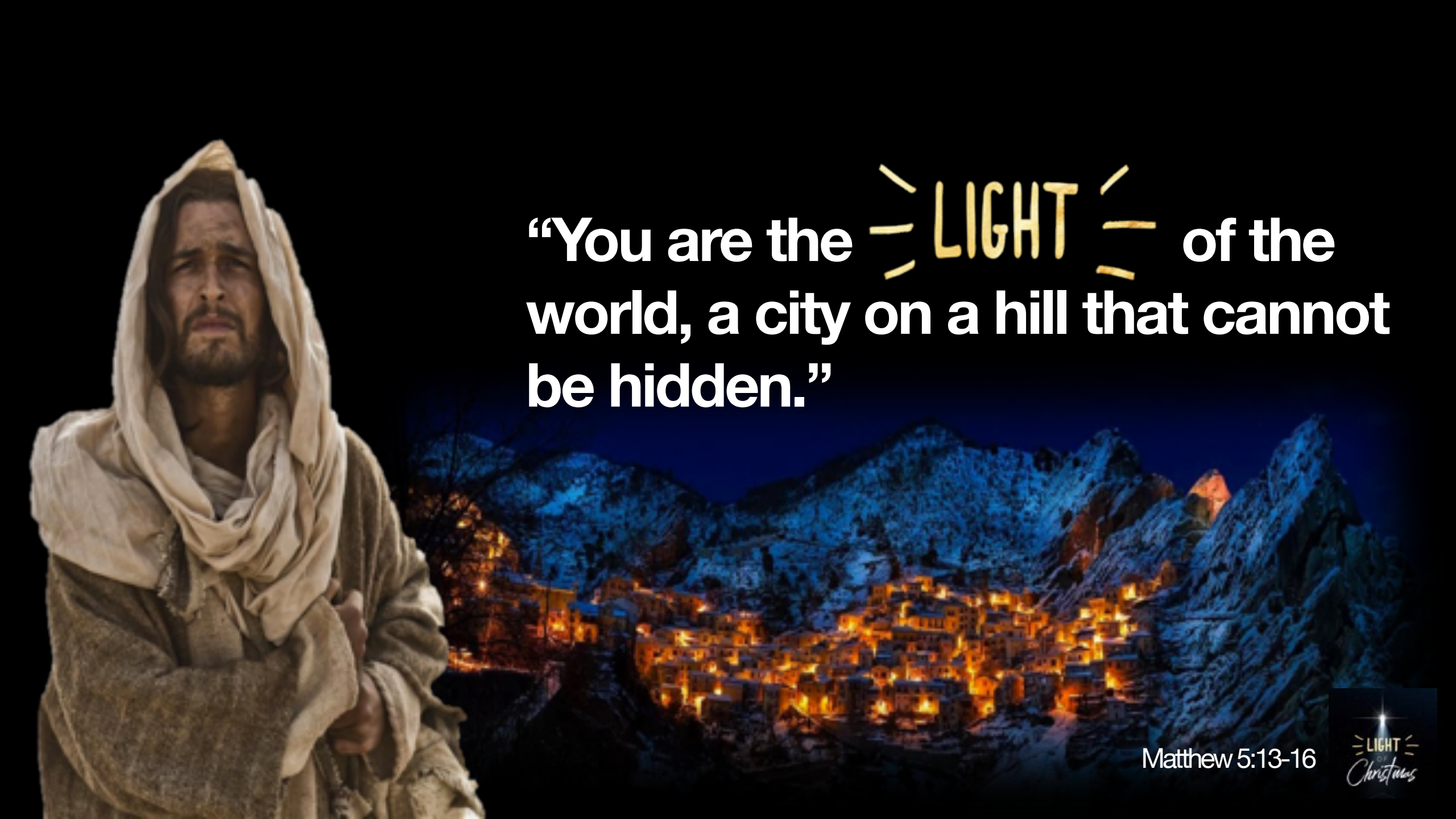
Bouncing of Light



REFRACTS

Bending of Light

**What do we know about
LIGHT?**



“You are the **LIGHT** of the world, a city on a hill that cannot be hidden.”

Matthew 5:13-16

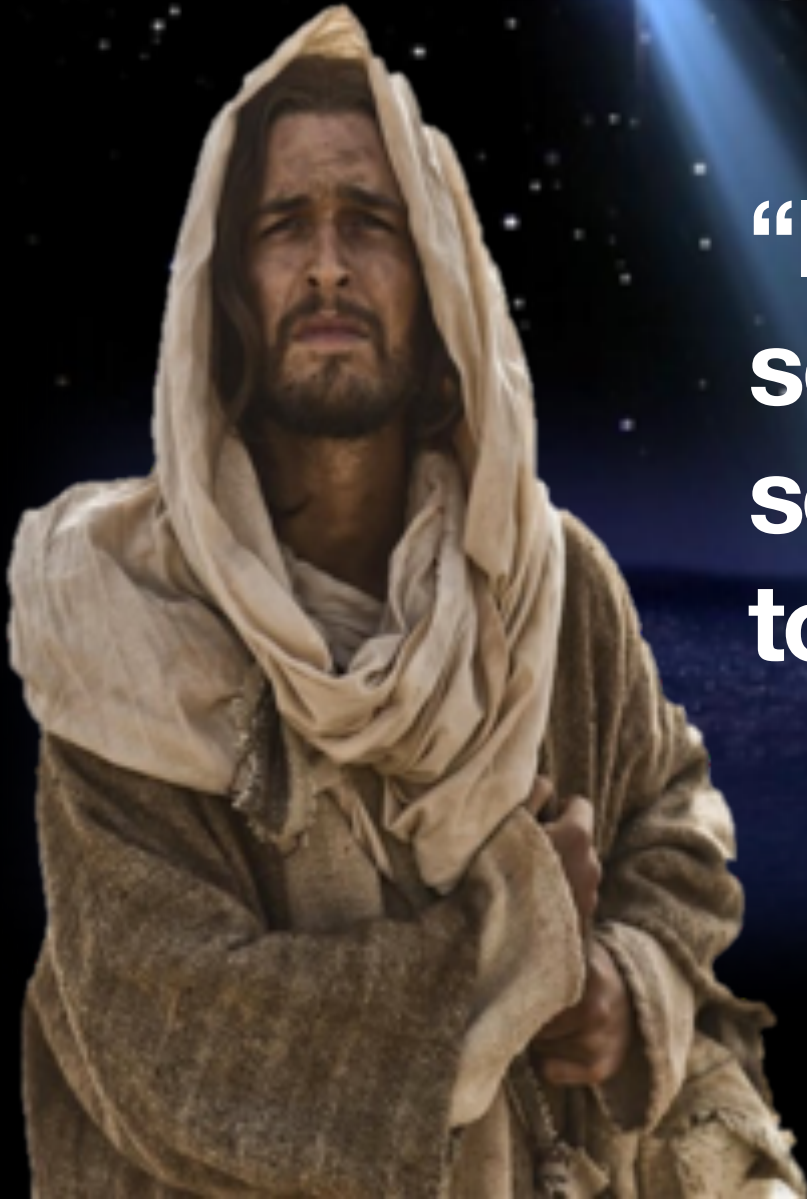





“Nor do people **LIGHT** a lamp
and put it under a basket, but on a
stand it gives **LIGHT** to all in the
house.

Matthew 5:13-16





“In the same way, let your  so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:13-16





“L.I.G.H.T.”

Anne Beiler



Auntie Anne's

“I CAN USE MY BUSINESS TO SHINE THE LIGHT OF HOPE.”

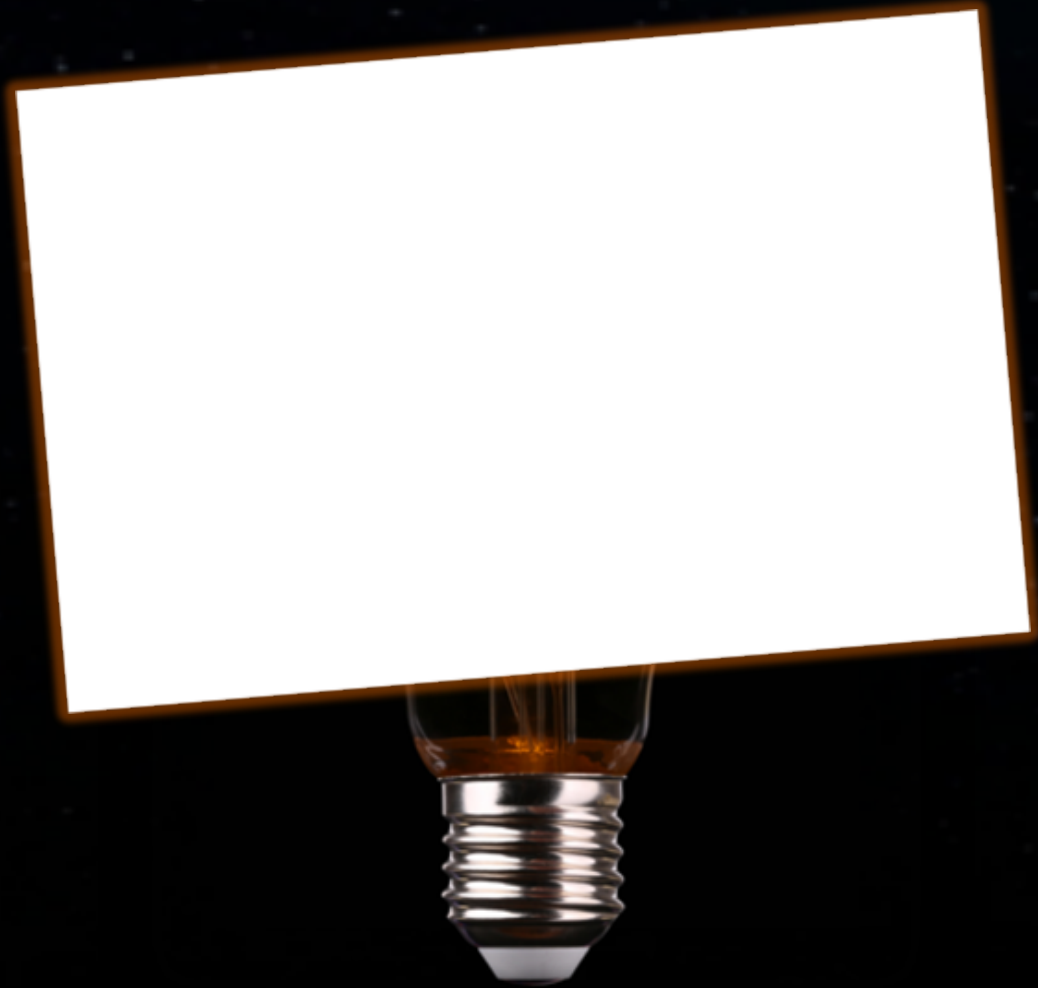


Want to [lightbulb] like a star!



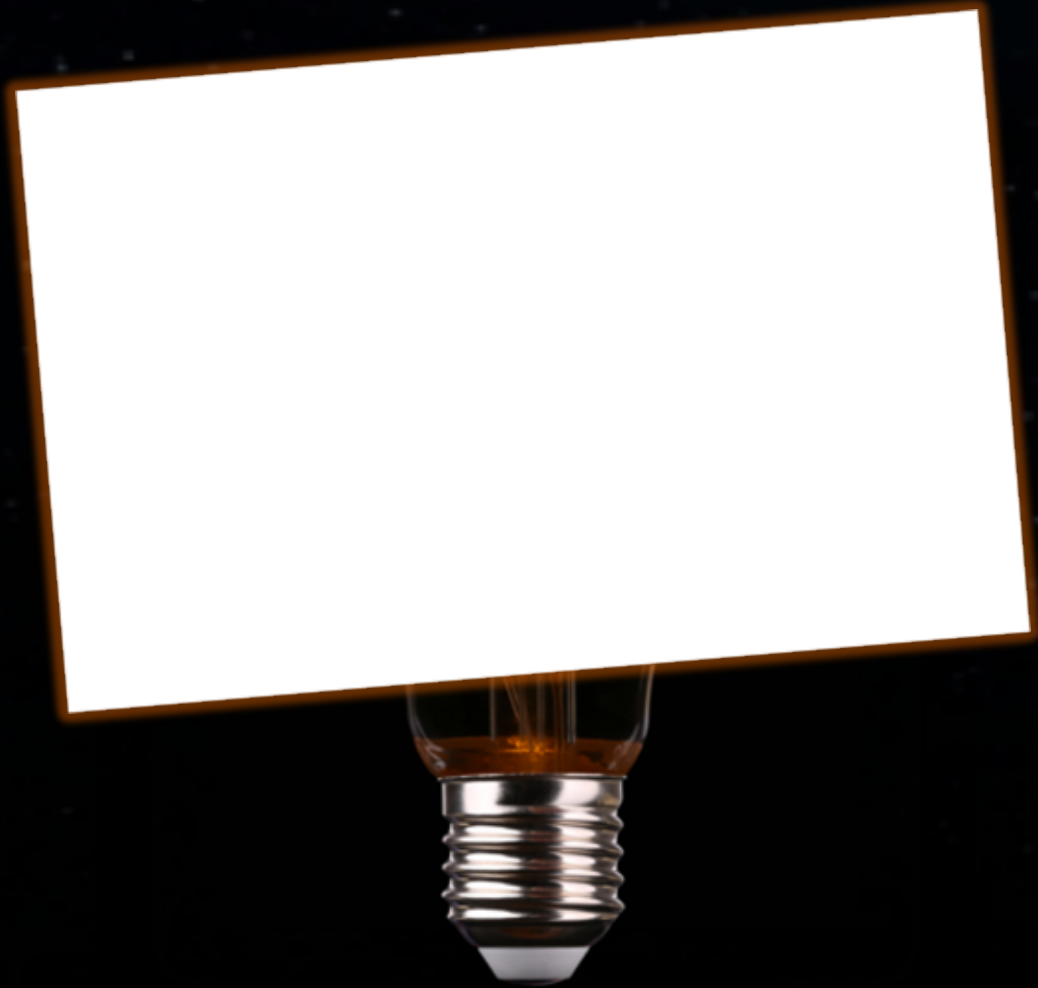
**among them like
stars in the sky!**

Philippians 2:15

A glowing lightbulb is shown against a dark, starry background. A large, blank white rectangular sign is attached to the top of the lightbulb's glass part. The sign is tilted slightly to the right. The lightbulb's base is visible at the bottom.

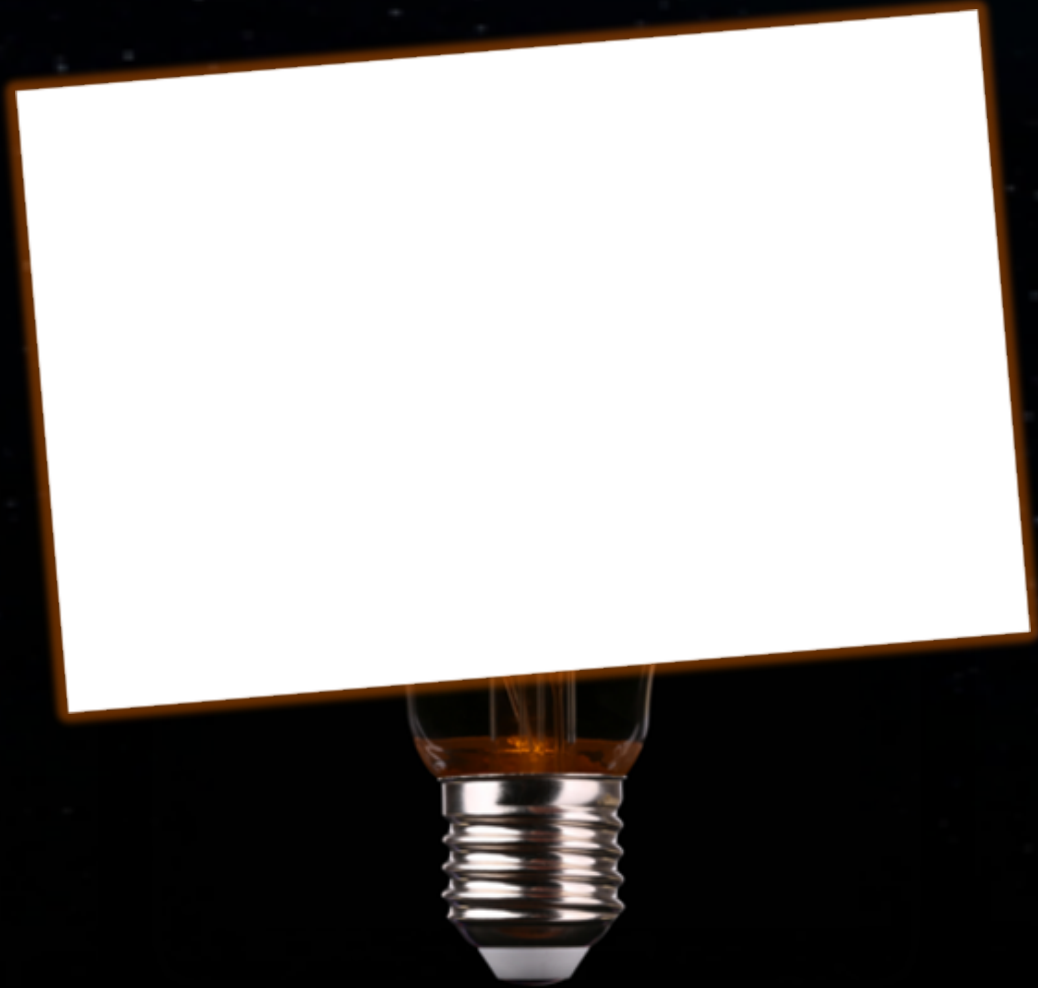
**Do all things
without
grumbling
or arguing,**

Philippians 2:14-15

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**So that you
may become
blameless and
pure,**

Philippians 2:14-15

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**Children of God
without fault
in a warped
and crooked
generation,**

Philippians 2:14-15

**Then
you will**



**Among them
like stars in the sky!**

Philippians 2:14-15



5 Reasons People Complain

ADAPTED FROM: WILL BOWAN, "COMPLAINT FREE WORLD"

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Get Attention

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Remove Responsibility

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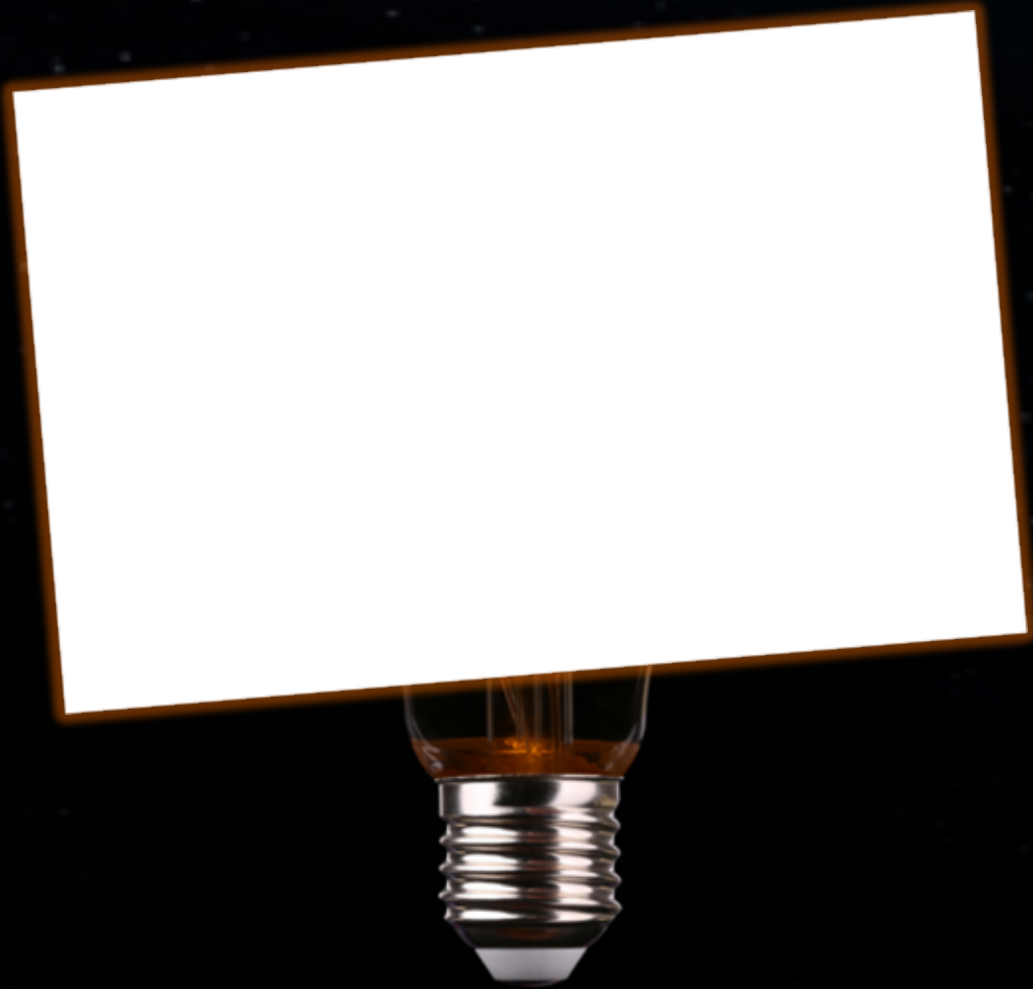
Inspire Envy

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Power

E

Excuse Poor Attitudes



“HOW TO LIVE?”

Joni Erickson

“I CAN USE MY SUFFERING TO SHINE THE LIGHT OF HOPE.”



Self-Pity

(Breeds Grumbling)





Why should I care?

1

Grumbling **poorly** reflects
Something...

2

Grumbling **distorts**
Something...

3

Grumbling **hides**
Something...



**Do everything
without
grumbling or
arguing, so
that you may
be blameless
and pure.**

1

**Grumbling poorly reflects
the **LIGHT** of the World.**

2

3



**Children of God
without fault
in a warped
and wicked
generation.**

1

2

Grumbling **distorts**
the **LIGHT** of the World.

3



**Then you will
shine among
them like stars
in the sky.**

1

2

3

**Grumbling hides
the  of the World.**



shine
CHRISTmas Spirit!



S

Submit to God's Plan

H

Help Solve the Problem

I

Inspired out of the Mire

N

Note "The Good"

E

Expect NOTHING in Return

HOPE 
CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING



“WHAT CAN I GIVE?”

Michael Jr.

“I CAN USE MY TALENTS TO **SHINE** THE LIGHT OF HOPE.”



HOPE SHINES HERE

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“I CAN USE MY GENEROSITY TO SHINE THE LIGHT OF HOPE.”