



# JOURNEY REFLECTIONS

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# LIGHT...



**Human creativity  
and Ingenuity**

















# Beautiful Countryside





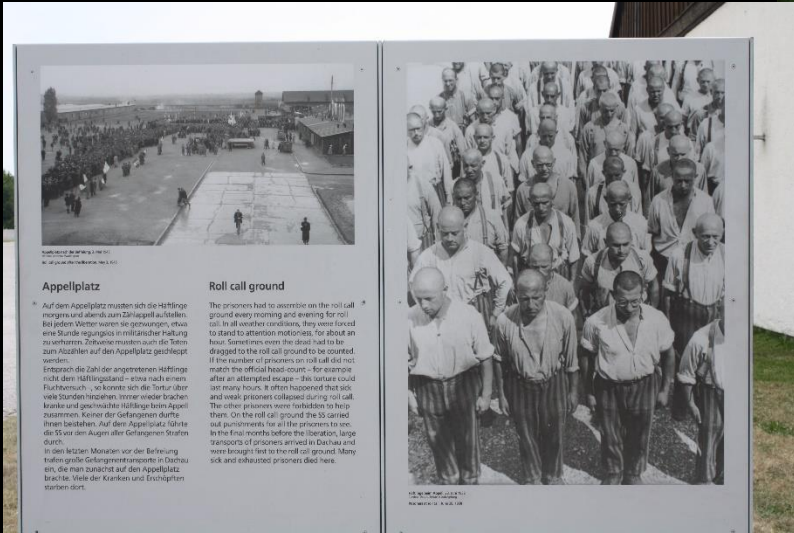


# **DARKNESS...**

- **Excesses of the rich and powerful**
- **Churches more like museums of past glory**
- **Reminders of war's destruction**



# DACHAU



**LIGHT  
IN THE DARKNESS...**



# The Community of Taizé'



# Taize': A beacon of light...

- **PRAYER**





# Taize': A beacon of light...

- **STUDY**





# Taize': A beacon of light...

- **COMMUNITY BUILDING**





# REFLECTING JESUS' LIGHT...

*“God can only give love;  
Our God is compassion. Christ  
Jesus, your light shines within us,  
do not let my darkness speak to  
me; let me welcome your love.”*

# **REFLECTING JESUS' LIGHT...**

## **1. Learn to go deep in prayer**

**"If your prayer goes deep, your whole view of the world will change from fear and reaction to deep and positive connection—because you don't live inside a fragile and encapsulated self anymore. In meditation, you are moving from ego consciousness to soul awareness, from being driven by negative motivations to being drawn from a positive source within." --Richard Rohr**



# REFLECTING JESUS' LIGHT...

## 2. Study and follow in the way of Jesus

**“I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you...” --JESUS (John 13:15)**

**“Through a consistent practice of contemplative prayer you will find yourself thinking much more in terms of both/and rather than either/or. This is what enables mystics and saints to forgive, to let go of hurts, to be compassionate, and even to love their enemies.” --Jack Jezreel, Founder of *JustFaith Ministries***

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## 3. Risk loving others

**“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you” --Jesus (Matthew 5:44)**

**“We are concerned not just with going to heaven when we die. We are God’s kingdom down here. That means figuring out how we can be a part of the restoration of our world.” - Shane Claiborne**



***“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.”***

**--Jesus Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)**



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