






Shining Faith: Living Out the Gospel Light



Explore how Jesus calls us to let our faith shine boldly, illuminating the world through love, truth, and action in this 3-day Gospel study.



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Introduction

The Gospels reveal the heart of Jesus' message and the transformative power of faith. In *Luke 8:16–18*, Jesus teaches us that faith is like a lamp intended to give light, not to be hidden beneath a bowl or bed. This metaphor reminds us that our belief is meant to shine brightly in the world, guiding others and glorifying God.

In these three days of study, we will explore how the Gospel calls us to actively live out our faith as a visible light. From understanding what it means to have faith that shines, to recognizing practical ways to reflect Jesus's love and truth, this plan encourages us to become lamps on stands—bold, purposeful, and impactful.

As we study passages from the Gospels, we will consider the challenges and joys of living in authentic faith. Reflect on how your life reflects God's light today and how He might be prompting you to step out boldly. Let this plan deepen your relationship with Christ and energize your witness, because your faith is meant to illuminate—not to hide.





Day 1: Foundations of a Shining Faith



Your Verse

Luke 8:16–18 – “No one lights a lamp and hides it in a clay jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, they put it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light.”

Supporting Scriptures

- *Matthew 5:14 – “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.”*
- *John 8:12 – “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*



Devotional: Uncovering Your Faith's True Purpose

Jesus' teaching in Luke 8:16–18 challenges us to consider how our faith is visible to others. Faith is described as a light that must not be concealed. Whether out of fear, complacency, or distraction, hiding our spiritual lives dims the impact we could have.

When we live intentionally in the light, our lives become beacons that beckon others toward the hope and truth found in Christ. This is not just about showing off good deeds, but about letting the love, grace, and power of God shine through our actions and attitudes.

Reflect today on: Are there areas where you might be hiding your faith? How might you move your 'lamp' onto a stand, making your faith clear and encouraging to others? Remember, the light not only reveals the way but also fosters community and transformation.



Day 1:  Foundations of a Shining Faith

Reflect and Apply

1. What fears or barriers cause me to hide my faith from others?

2. In what ways can my life act as a light to guide someone in darkness?

3. How does understanding Jesus as the Light of the world change my perspective on daily living?



Day 1:  Foundations of a Shining Faith

Journaling Prompts

1. List moments when you've felt your faith shining brightly for others.

2. Write about a time you felt reluctant to share your faith and why.

3. Plan one practical step to make your faith more visible this week.



Day 1: 🕯️ Foundations of a Shining Faith

Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You for the gift of light You give us through Your Spirit. Help me to remove any fear or hesitation that makes me hide my faith. May I boldly place my lamp where it shines brightly for Your glory. Teach me to reflect Your love and truth in all I do, so others may see Your light and be drawn to You.

Strengthen my courage and guide my steps each day. *In Jesus' name, Amen.*





Day 2: Living the Gospel with Boldness



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Your Verse

Matthew 28:18–20 – “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

Supporting Scriptures

- *Acts 1:8 – “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses.”*
- *2 Corinthians 4:6 – “For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ made his light shine in our hearts.”*



Day 2:  Living the Gospel with Boldness

Devotional: Bold Steps in Gospel Living

The Gospel calls us to be active participants in God's mission to reach the world with His truth. Jesus' Great Commission in Matthew 28 urges us to make disciples, empowering us with His Spirit to proclaim His love boldly and clearly.

Our shining faith moves beyond private belief into tangible action — speaking words of encouragement, demonstrating mercy, standing against injustice, and living lives that point others to Jesus. Boldness doesn't mean reckless confidence but a humble courage empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Consider today: How can I be a light that not only shines in my life but actively reaches others? What fears might hold me back and how does God's Spirit prepare me to overcome them? Remember that a lamp on a stand does not isolate but illuminates the path for others to follow.



Day 2:  Living the Gospel with Boldness

Reflect and Apply

1. What does boldness in sharing faith look like in my everyday life?

2. In what ways am I relying on God's Spirit to empower my witness?

3. How can I balance humility with confidence as I live out the Gospel?



Day 2:  Living the Gospel with Boldness

Journaling Prompts

1. Write a prayer asking God for boldness to share your faith.





2. Describe an opportunity you sense to be a light in your community.

3. Record a scripture that encourages you to live courageously for Christ.



Day 2:  Living the Gospel with Boldness

Prayer for Today

Father God, thank You for calling me to be Your witness with boldness and grace. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit to shine brightly in dark places and to act courageously in sharing Your truth. Help me to be attentive to Your leading and to trust You completely. May my life bring glory to You and draw others closer to Your love. *Amen.*    





Day 3: 💡 Reflecting Christ's Light Daily



Your Verse

Philippians 2:14–16 – "Do everything without grumbling... shine like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Ephesians 5:8 – "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord."*
- *Matthew 5:16 – "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*



Day 3: 💡 Reflecting Christ's Light Daily

Devotional: Daily Habits That Brighten Your Light

Living as a lamp on a stand requires daily commitment. Paul encourages believers in Philippi to do all things without complaining and to shine like stars by holding onto God's word. This means cultivating joy, gratitude, obedience, and love each day.

Our faith shines most powerfully through consistent, humble actions that reflect Christ's character. Simple kindnesses, integrity, patience, and forgiveness reveal the light of Christ to a watching world.

Reflect now: How am I practicing faithfulness in small things that build light? What daily habits nurture my connection to God's word and strengthen my spiritual glow? Remember, the mission to shine isn't a one-time event but a lifelong journey powered by God's grace.



Day 3: 💡 Reflecting Christ's Light Daily

Reflect and Apply

1. What daily habits help me stay connected to God's light?

2. Are there attitudes or actions I need to change to better reflect Christ?

3. How can I encourage others to shine their lights alongside mine?



Day 3: 💡 Reflecting Christ's Light Daily

Journaling Prompts

1. List three daily habits that nurture your spiritual growth.

2. Write about a recent experience where your faith impacted someone.

3. Set a goal for one new way to 'shine' this coming week.



Day 3: 💡 Reflecting Christ's Light Daily

Prayer for Today

Gracious Lord, help me to live each day as a faithful lamp on a stand, shining through joyful obedience and love. Teach me to reflect Your light even in the ordinary moments and to trust You to use my life for Your glory. Strengthen me to persevere and to encourage others along the way. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* ○ 😊 🙏 🙏





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