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Stepping into God's Light

"It is God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who 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.

There are no words that can adequately express the awesome miracle of having God's light fill your heart. And so, Paul, in teaching about this, uses comparison. He tells us that it's as stupendous as when God commanded light to fill all of the vastness of creation. God commanded light to shine out of darkness, he tells us, and in the same way, He can flood our hearts with His light.

In the creation event, God, the ultimate light Being of the universe, miraculously generated what is in Him to be manifest outside of Him. He formulated His idea of creation and infused what He was creating with Himself as the ultimate light Being, saying, "Light be!" and the fullness of creation, which lay in darkness, was filled with light. God, who is light, reveals Himself in that light throughout creation.

Really let that sink in because you have to take hold of that truth and place it in your heart to become creative and operate as a light being in the miraculous. Jesus said this about what happens to you when you receive God's light: "You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14. Powerful words. You receive God's light, grow in His light, and then, you can enlighten others, sharing how your life has been transformed from darkness to light.

You switch your lights on so you can see better and to reveal things. God's light illuminates, and it *contains knowledge* – "the light of the knowledge" of glory in Jesus. This enlightening knowledge helps us 'see' better and reveals things that God will help us transform in ourselves.

What is this knowledge? Paul answers this in 2 Corinthians 4:3-4: "But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them." The knowledge in the light that is God is the revelation of Himself to His creation. God, who is light, reveals Himself in that light.

When you open your heart to God and surrender your life to His care and guidance, you step into the light of God. It's a wonderful place to be because it lights up all of life! As you remain in God's light, you are going to experience and learn many amazing things, and God is going to guide your life, shining His light on your values, choices, decisions and your way.

You discover a new dimension to your living that will enable you to operate in your inherent empowerment through the light. The way God created you to operate. We

know you're going to find what you discover in 'Growing in God's Light' fascinating and, if you let it, life-changing. You were led to this book by a loving Creator who wants you to discover the power of God's light in you, how to live in it, how to use it, and to *enjoy* it.

It all starts by inviting God into your heart and life. Rennie shares how God brought her into the light...

When I encountered the light...

'The bible and stories of people like you and me will be our guiding lights. You'll encounter some characters in our stories that will delight you and give you deeper insights into your light. My own story of living in the light began with a challenge to God one afternoon. This is how it happened...

My partner and I were involved in teaching a course about miracles. This course had nothing to do with Christianity, and I wasn't a Christian yet. We were still searching for truth and light. Each week, we hosted a study group at our home. It was the day of one of these meetings, and I was sitting in our lounge, quietly absorbed, studying to teach the group later that evening. Little did I know that it would be our last.

As I was going through that week's lesson, I came across a place that asked the reader to give room to God. "What? How odd!" I thought. This instruction stood out jarringly. It was totally out of place in the course and didn't fit the rest of the teaching.

I decided to investigate. I looked in the companion book for the same lesson and found the identical reference. With a marker, I underlined the passages in both books. I wanted to show it to my partner as it was out of context with the rest of the section and the books. At that time, I had many different ways of looking at what 'God' means. So, how would I 'make room for God'? I did believe that there was a Creator of everything; therefore, I could approach this with that belief, and I do this honestly.

As I sat pondering this, I had an overpowering urge. I felt in myself that I should ask the Creator for a connection to the fullness of light. It felt right. I had that 'smooth feeling' that came from my heart: "Yes, do this!" Quietly, and on my own, I said to the Creator, "I will give you one square inch of my mind; if you can fill my being with light, you can have me." That's the best I could do with the knowledge I had at the time, and God lovingly met me where I was.

Whoosh! I was instantly overwhelmed by light. It fell over me and flooded into me. It was like a vast, curtain-like shaft of light had dropped into my being. I'd changed dimensions in that instant. I knew that with utter certainty. I was totally transformed. I was different - and I knew it. I wasn't awed, I wasn't shocked. It just felt like the most natural way to be, and I accepted it. I'd found what I'd sensed was missing in me. This 'clicked into place' like a missing piece in a jigsaw puzzle, and I knew it was right. I went through to the bathroom and found, when I looked in the mirror, that my eyes were alive. They had an inner light illuminating them.

The great creator and sustainer of the universe had taken the time to passionately pursue me in a way that could reach me and draw me into the Kingdom of Light.

That evening, I showed the references to my partner and told him what happened and how I had changed. I asked him to take the teaching for the night as I no longer felt I could teach the course because what I experienced was 'outside' of what it was teaching. I couldn't quite explain how, but I knew genuine light living was on another path.

My partner could see the change, and he would also be changed. In his own words:

'As soon as Rennie gave one square inch of her mind to God and was filled with light, I experienced something bizarre. I could sense an invisible barrier between us, as if a clear, impenetrable bubble, a vortex the size of the universe, was between us, separating us. It extended without limit. I was in one dimension, and she was in another. This invisible wall between us was frightening to me. Until then, we always had the same outlook, believed the same things. Now, instantly, we were in two dimensions - separated. We were in the same room, but there was this vortex she was in. I knew she wasn't in the same world as me anymore. She'd moved into something that I sensed was right and good, and I was left separated from her in this other place. It was as if my partner's entry into the light had disclosed that I was somewhere bad, very bad. The film dividing us continued to be a clear divider between us until I, too, entered the light, and we were together, walking in that light.'

God wanted our entry into the fullness of light to be confirmed, stamped with a miracle so it would remain unforgettable. He did that through the very book we were teaching from. This is the miracle. We wanted to show these specific passages that I'd marked and we'd read, referring to God, to others who taught that course. Opening to the highlighted places, we found that what was marked had nothing to do with God and were random, unrelated sentences in both books.

To this day, we don't know if God changed the words for both of us to see or caused both of us to read something that wasn't there. One thing is certain: we were both changed. God flooded me with light, and I was transformed. And for my partner, it was a distinct part of his coming to the light.

Coming to the light is the first step. Next, we had to deal with our wrong thinking and wrongdoing that the light revealed. You will also realise there are things in your life that need to change because they obscure the light in you and around you.

What had happened was permanent. For over 40 years, we've felt that sure presence of light in us, all the time. It was the beginning of living in the light, and as you'll see throughout this book, only the first step of growing in the light of God. We'll share some of the miraculous adventures we, and others, have had living in the light, and the simple ways you can open your own life to your unique miracles in the light.

God has a unique way of bringing you into His light.

Each person who steps into God's light has a distinctive testimony of how God did this in their life. This is true of us and will be for you, too. For me, it was by offering one square inch of my mind to God, willing to allow Him to fill me with light. That was very personal and unique. I've never heard anyone share such an experience.

For my partner, it was a process which included witnessing the change I experienced. Another significant step in his entering the light came after God told him he would be a 'light on the hill' and drew him in another way. He shares his insights:

'God is light, and God's light guides, in the darkness, to the light. As we come to the light and receive the light, we become lights. Before I stepped into the light, I was seeking miraculous power. That's all. I read about a church where people experienced spiritual power and miracles. There was dynamic energy, miracles, healings and the people there were vibrant, and they believed that God confirmed truth through signs and wonders. This was what I was looking for, so I began visiting.

One Sunday, at sunset, August 19, 1984, to be precise, I was getting into my car to go to their evening service. I heard the gentle voice of the Spirit whisper, almost audibly into my heart, a promise: "You will be a light on the hill." I didn't really make anything of it at that moment, although strangely, I accepted it. I sensed that I shouldn't put on the radio, and I just remained receptive to hearing. As I coasted down the winding roads of Northcliff Hill, I was musing about something this same still voice had told my partner... "You will be a light on the hill." I thought how appropriate for her. The still, quiet voice said, "And appropriate for you too."

I'd just had a conversation in my mind with someone who evidently had read my thoughts. Vaguely, I knew that it was the Spirit, and yet, I didn't make anything of it. I just had a sense of peace and well-being and receptivity as I drove.

I reached the brightly lit church, which was in a large, converted showroom. I went into the vibrant sounds of music pulsing rhythmically. In the service, right in the middle of praise, the lead musician, Tom Ingles, stopped. He spoke into the microphone, announcing, "The Spirit told me to stop and give a brief teaching on the key biblical principles of prosperity." He read some biblical texts and summarised, "Work hard, don't fantasise, don't strive to acquire for money's sake, consider the benefits to your clients foremost, don't be a miser, give especially to the poor to be blessed." Then, to my astonishment, in conclusion, he says, "Do these things and ... you will be a light on the hill." The very same phrase the voice of the Spirit had said to me!

This was extraordinary. In decades, I've never since heard that same sentence used again. It's not in the bible and the closest text, Matthew 5:14-16, refers to those who are spiritually alive through God, thus: "You are the light of the world." and "A city that is set on a hill." and "Let your light so shine before men...".

As you can see, our experiences of stepping into God's light were totally different. God gives each person a one-of-a-kind testimony of how they came to the light.

Have you stepped into the light, and do you want to go deeper? Start here...

One thing is common to all who step into the light: you allow God to fill you with His light. Here is one time-honoured way you can do this...

- Know that God loves you: “God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life” John 3:16, NIV. You believe this and accept that, as God is love, this is the truth for you.

- God’s light is everywhere, but you must be ‘synced’ with it. To step into the light, you acknowledge you need God in your life and His help to bring light where there was darkness - the wrong thinking and wrongdoing you have had all your life. “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23 ESV.

- Accept the gift of Jesus as your Saviour, who is the doorway to the light. “As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.” John 1:12.

- You pray, usually out loud, to declare that you are stepping into the light of God and giving up your old way of living. This gives you right standing with God. Prayer is you talking to and listening to God, and God talking to and listening to you. “For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers.” 1 Peter 3:12.

- Now you live by faith. Faith is trusting God to do and be who the bible says He is. “By grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast” Ephesians 2:8-9, NIV.

- You live your life according to God’s kingdom laws set out in the bible. “Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive His approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15 NLT.

The kingdom of heaven is light, and that’s where you live. Ultimately, we want this book to bring you to a full realisation of what it means to be a light, and the power, blessing, and abundance that come with it. To fully understand what this means, we’ll explore the kingdom of light that you are part of next. Let’s delve into the kingdom by joining Jesus as He wakes up the world to the light...

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