LET HIS **Light** SHINE THROUGH YOU

**II Corinthians 4:1-6**

The Bible uses light as a metaphor for God and his presence in our world.

- “God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.” I John 1:5
- “The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” Isaiah 9:2
- “In him was life and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.” John 1:4-5

Now let his light shine through you!

I. WE SPEAK THE TRUTH PLAINLY.

**VERSES 1-2**

Ministry is a privilege.
Ministry is difficult.
Discouragement is one of Satan’s primary weapons.

How did Paul deal with discouragement?

- He remembered God’s grace in his own life.
- He rejoiced in the good things God was doing in the lives of others.
- He relied upon Christ and trusted in his word.
There are certain things we don’t do in ministry.

• We don’t use secret and shameful ways.
• We don’t use deception.
• We don’t distort the word of God.

Instead,

• We speak the truth plainly. “Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures.”
• We speak with sincerity.
• We speak in the sight of God.

II. WE UNDERSTAND THE BATTLE WE ARE IN. VERSES 3-4

We are in a battle for the hearts and souls of men.

If our gospel is veiled, that doesn’t mean there is something wrong with the message.

We have an enemy who works to keep people in darkness.
Satan entices people to embrace and exalt evil rather than God.
The chief object of his schemes is our mind.

How do we fight him?

• We put on the full armor of God. Ephesians 6:10-17
• We pray in the Spirit at all times. Ephesians 6:18
• We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. II Corinthians 10:3-5

There are many reasons why someone may refuse to believe.

• Ignorance. They’ve never heard the gospel. Romans 10:14
• The offense of the cross. I Corinthians 1:23
• The problem of suffering.
• Sin – pride, unbelief and immorality.
• Satan has blinded their eyes.
III. WE FOCUS ON CHRIST.
VERSES 5-6

We preach Jesus Christ as Lord and not ourselves.

- Jesus – means Savior. “You are to give him the name Jesus because he will save his people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21
- Christ – means Messiah, the Anointed One.
- Lord – He is not just a Lord. He is the Lord of all Lords and the King of all Kings. He is God.

“There is salvation in no one else.” Acts 4:12

“He is the only way to the Father.” John 14:6

“He is the only mediator between God and man.” I Timothy 2:5

“One day every knee will bow before him and every tongue will confess that he is Lord to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:10-11
You can know him today as your Savior.

“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.” Romans 10:9-10

Only the power of God can dispel the darkness.

Only he can open our eyes to see the glory of Christ.

**Conclusion**

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