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“God’s ultimate plan for your life reaches beyond the visions he’s given you for your family, business, ministry, and finances. He has positioned you in your culture as a singular point of light. A beacon in a world that desperately needs to see something divine, something that is clearly not of the world. Above and beyond the achievements associated with your vision, he wants to draw people to himself. Our visions are means to a great end. Namely, the glory of God and the salvation of men and women. . . . Our secular pursuits have more kingdom potential than our religious ones. For it is in the realm of our secular pursuits that secular people are watching. The marketplace, the club, and the salon are the environments that so desperately need a brush with the divine.” — from the Visioneering by Andy Stanley, p. 225

DAY 1: STILLNESS & WAITING

Today is our day of stillness and quiet to enjoy God’s presence. He is with You today. Sit with Him, even if just for 5-10 minutes.

Ask God to show you how you can be a vessel to shine the light of hope to people you interact with this week. He has given us his love that we might share it with others. Ask Him to bring to your mind at least one person you can encourage and with whom you can share hope this week.

Prayer:

“Lord, I have surrendered my hope in _____ to Your lordship, and I have intentionally sought after you to replace that void in my life. Now I ask that you would show me how to share the hope of Your presence and salvation with 1 or more people this week. It may be a simple word of encouragement, a phone call, or asking someone if I can pray for them in some way. It might be to share how You are working in my life. Show me who I can reach this week and then how to be a light to them. I trust that You are with me and will give me the words to say or the ability to sit and listen to someone in need. I will wait for you and enjoy time with You today.”

Enjoy your time in God’s presence!

DAY 2: WORDS OF TRUTH & PRAYER

Matt. 24-26: “You are the light of the world. A city 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 men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

Prayer:

“Precious Father, I am so grateful that You have forgiven me and filled me with the light of Your presence. I know that this light was not meant to be hidden or kept only for myself. I am meant to SHINE brightly for others to see the hope that You have given me and offer to everyone who will believe. Help me to be a bright light shining in the darkness of my work place, my school, my community or in the chaos of social media and civil unrest. I will be a light by LOVING others as You have called me to do. May my love and compassion for the needs of others show people I am different. I want to make a difference for You. Give me the courage to be different. Amen.”

DAY 3: DIGGING DEEPER

Today we are going to brainstorm ways that you can be a light to those you see this week. It might be a simple phone call or meeting someone for coffee. It might be to serve somehow in your community. Your opportunities may be different than others’ depending on your stage of life or the places that you interact with people. Get creative.

The goal is to seek to glorify Him in your workplace, your school, your home and your daily endeavors. People can tell a difference in you by the way you live your daily life and the attitude you have as you work, study, clean, and do menial tasks in your day.

Ideas for sharing hope with others:

- Go out of your way to ask how someone is doing and make time to listen and ask questions. Ask if you can pray for them in any way.
- Meet someone for coffee or lunch and be intentional about listening to them and showing interest in them rather than yourself. Find ways to encourage them during your time together.
- Share a scripture or devotional that has been an encouragement to you with someone else in your life.

- Share with someone how God is working in your life.
- Go out of your way to serve someone this week — maybe a service project or just doing a simple act of kindness to help a neighbor.
- Write a note of encouragement to someone.

A cool side effect of this kind of intentional others-focused activity is that you begin to think of yourself less and will have your focus on lifting others up rather than tearing them down. It's amazing how focusing on loving and serving others can change your relationships, your speech, and your mindset toward others.

DAY 4: MIDWEEK ACCOUNTABILITY

Have you thought of a way to share hope with someone in your life yet? Have you utilized the hope cards and shared a word of encouragement with people you come in contact with during the week? If you haven't yet, it's not too late.

1. Write below one way you can share hope with someone. If you have a particular name or names of people, list them below as well.

2. Share with a close friend, mentor, or accountability partner how you have or how you plan to share hope with someone this week.

DAY 5: WRITTEN PRAYER

Write out your prayer in the space provided thanking God for the opportunity to be a light in your community, your workplace, your school, and/or your home for Him. Thank Him for His power that is at work in you and helps you to love others more selflessly. Ask Him to continue to show you ways to be a light and to share hope with those around you.

You might even pray Ephesians 1:18-20 over the person that you are hoping to reach out to this week.

“I pray also that the eyes of _____’s heart may be enlightened in order that [he/she] may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms.”

DAY 6: MEDITATION

Sit in silence or with your worship music playing and meditate on one or two of these truths.

Truth Statements for Meditation

- Just as Jesus gave of Himself with no thought to what He would receive, I choose to be obedient to share hope with others whether or not I see results.
- “For God, who said, ‘Let your light shine out of darkness,’ made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.” 2 Cor. 4:6-7
- I choose to be a bright, shining light for God in this dark, hopeless world.
- “We fight darkness with light, fear with faith, and hate with hope. And when we do, the gates of hell cannot prevail against us.” — from *Chase the Lion* by Mark Batterson
- I choose to love others and share hope with them regardless of how they respond to me. I am serving the Lord, not man.
- May others see Christ in me today.

DAY 7: REFLECTION & THANKSGIVING

Reflect on this past week and the work God is doing in your life. Offer up a prayer of thanksgiving for how He has allowed you to be a light for Him. Thank Him for the strength to serve others and to focus less on yourself and your own desires and needs.

Prayer:

“God, I thank You for showing me how to love others and share the hope of Christ with others in my daily life. Continue to work in me, so that I become more and more sensitive to opportunities to serve others in Your name. Amen.”