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Light of the World IV (Out of Darkness, Into The Marvelous Light)

Influencing The Culture

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- I. Series: New Series Influencing the Culture
 - A. Matthew 5:¹³ **Ye are the SALT OF THE EARTH: ...**
 - B. Subjects: Salt of the Earth I(Seasoning), II(Preservative), III(Disinfectant), IV(Offering)
 - C. Matthew 5:14–16 (AV)¹⁴ **Ye are the LIGHT OF THE WORLD...**
 - D. Subject: The Darker it gets, the Brighter we shine (Overpower, Overcome, Overshadow)
 - E. Subject: Revealing The Vision (Watching, Writing, Waiting on the Vision)
 - F. Subject: Ordering Your Steps (Temptation to Triumph, Evil to Good, Death to Life)
- II. Homework: Study Matthew 5:14 -16, 1 Peter 2:7-9, Psalm 27:1-3
 - A. ...
- III. Text
 - A. 1 Peter 2:7–9 (AV)⁷ Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, ⁸ And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. ⁹ But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:
 - B. Psalm 27:1–3 (AV)¹ The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ² When the wicked, *even* mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. ³ Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this *will I be* confident.
- IV. Subject: Influencing The Culture: Light of the World IV (Out of Darkness, Into The Marvelous Light)
 - A. Matthew 5: ¹⁴ **Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.**
 - B. Vision is the light of where we're going, Direction is the light of how we get there!
 - 1. Light of the World III (Ordering Your Steps)
 - a. Ordering Your Steps From Temptation to Triumph (Tribulations)
 - b. Ordering Your Steps From Evil to Good (Evidence)
 - c. Ordering Your Steps From Death to Life (Righteousness)
 - C. Today we want to juxtapose the state of the worlds darkness to our calling to the Light
 - 1. Eph 6: ¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the ***rulers of the darkness of this world***, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.
 - 2. When Satan was cast out of heaven, he through this world into chaos and darkness to be ruled in darkness by rulers of the darkness of this world!
 - 3. Ephesians 2:² ***Wherein in time past ye walked*** according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:
 - 4. And the way they maintain their power is to keep us in darkness.
 - 5. They rule to keep us in The Darkness of Ignorance
 - a. Contrary to the axiom or idiom that says “Ignorance is bliss; what you don’t know can’t hurt”, Actually it will destroy you.
 - 6. They rule to keep us in The Darkness of Fear
 - a. Darkness has a way of invoking the emotion of fear, which makes us afraid to move forward as a result of the fear of what might happen.
 - 7. They rule to keep us in The Darkness of Weakness
 - a. Without the power of the sun and light, we naturally grow weak until we

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have no more strength to complete our missing or assignment.

8. Ephesians 2:1 (AV)¹ And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;
9. God quickened, that is brought us to life, and then called us out of Darkness.
10. 1 Peter 2: ⁹But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

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V. Out of the Darkness of Ignorance

- A. 1 Peter 2: ⁸And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.
- B. The First level of Darkness is Ignorance
- C. What You Don't Know Will Destroy You!
 1. The premise of "Ignorance is Bliss" is that if you don't know a thing, then you won't worry about it.
 2. But ignorance is not bliss, it can destroy you.
 3. Hosea 4:6 (AV)⁶My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.
 4. Our youth are being destroyed when they are in the darkness of ignorance
 5. Our marriages, our friends and neighbors, our marriages and families are being destroyed when they are in the darkness of ignorance
 6. 1 Peter 5:8 (AV)⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

D. Called Out of Darkness into the Marvelous Light of Truth

1. 1 Peter 2: ⁹But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:
2. Darkness has people in poverty, in brokenness, in bondage, blindness, oppression
3. We are called to bring them out of darkness into His marvelous light of truth
4. Luke 4:18 (AV)¹⁸*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,*
5. John 8:32 (AV)³²*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

E. Called Out of the Darkness of Ignorance, Into the Marvelous Light of Truth

VI. Out of the Darkness of Fear

- A. Psalm 27: ¹The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- B. The Next Level of Darkness is Fear
- C. What You Don't See Will Frighten You!
 1. Another aspect of darkness is the reality that it produces fear.
 2. Hollywood uses darkness in their movies to engender a fear response, and it works
 3. The threat of the unknown, whether it's real or not, produces fear.
 4. We become of afraid of what might happen tomorrow, what might happen to our marriage, what might happen to our health, what might happen to our life.
 5. 2 Timothy 1:7 (AV)⁷For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and

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of a sound mind.

D. Called Out of Darkness into the Marvelous Light of Faith

1. 1 Peter 2: ⁹ But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:
2. Darkness has people in fear, in anxiety, worry, distress, terror, and panic.
3. We are called to bring them out of danger into His marvelous light of faith
4. Although the devil may be there, but now we can see him; but we can also see that they that be with us are more than they that be with them.
5. Most people want to see, but: 2 Corinthians 5:⁷ (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

E. Called Out of the Darkness of Fear, Into the Marvelous Light of Faith

VII. Out of the Darkness of Weakness

A. Psalm 27:1–3 (AV)¹ The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

B. The Final Level of Darkness if Weakness

C. We are Called to...

1. Bring them Out of the Darkness of Ignorance into the Marvelous Light of Truth
2. Bring them Out of the Darkness of Fear into the Marvelous Light of Faith
3. Bring them Out of the Darkness of Weakness into the Marvelous Light of Power

D. What You Don't Defeat Will Stop You

1. When God calls us, he calls us with purpose, he calls with a mission, he calls us with an assignment, he calls us with destiny.
2. And the enemy uses the darkness of weakness to stop us!
3. We have no more strength to keep going, no strength to fulfill our purpose, no strength to complete our mission, no strength to finish our assignment, and no strength to reach our destiny.
4. If we don't defeat this devil, we will be stopped!

E. Called out of Darkness into the Marvelous Light of Power

1. 1 Peter 2: ⁹ But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:
2. And when God Called us, he called us with Power!
3. Acts 1:8 (AV)⁸ **But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**
4. Luke 10:19 (AV)¹⁹ **Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.**
5. Romans 8:36–37 (AV)³⁶ As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. ³⁷ Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
6. We will not be stopped, we have the power to fulfill purpose, the power to complete our mission, the power to finish our assignment, the power to get to our expected end!