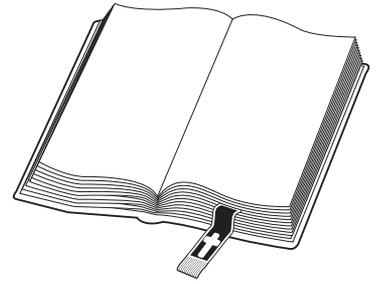


# I Am Not Afraid of the Dark

*"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."* Psalm 119:105



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Beloved, every time you and I walk into a dark house or a dark room, the first thing we do is turn on a light. We know it would be foolish to stumble around in the dark when all we have to do is turn on the light. The Bible is the only true Light for every dark situation in our lives. Psalm 27:1 reads, *"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?"* Whenever a dark situation comes into my life, I am quick to remind myself that because Jesus is my Lord, He will give me the light I need from the Bible. I do not have to be afraid of the dark. Psalm 18:28 reads, *"For You will light my lamp; the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness."*

Beloved, you and I need to run to the light of Jesus and the Bible in every dark situation. As a loving parent turns on the light of his child's room when the child is afraid of the dark, our Lord wants to comfort and reassure us that He is close to us. He hears our cries. He does not want us to be afraid of the dark. 1 Peter 2:9 reads, *"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."*

Beloved, do you see what the Lord says about every true believer? We are chosen...we

are part of His royal priesthood...we are His own special people...we are called to praise Him. And by His love, mercy, and HIS AMAZING GRACE, He has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. We do not have to be afraid of the dark.

Psalm 97:11 reads, *"Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart."* Again, beloved, Jesus and His Word is the light for every dark situation. We do not have to be afraid of the dark. John 3:20-21 reads, *"For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."* Every true believer hates darkness. The only time he has true peace and joy is when he has a clear conscience before his Lord.

Let us encourage one another to run to the light of God's Word in every dark situation. He loves us. We do not have to be afraid of the dark. Remember, beloved, if you walk close to Jesus and obey His Word, you do not have to be afraid of the dark.

— Janice McBride

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