

The Message

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Suggested reading: 1 Corinthians 4:6-10

Sometimes we get so caught up in the everyday junk of our lives, it becomes hard to sort through it all and keep the main thing the main thing. The Apostle Paul helps us out with that. He said that the same God who spoke light into existence at the beginning of time is the same God who speaks light (Jesus) into *us*. Same God, same power. Without any knowledge of the glory of God, without knowledge that there is a light, we would still be in darkness.

I remember what it's like to live in spiritual darkness, always looking for something, and not knowing what. I know where that search can take you. It can lead you right into a pit where you can't see the way out. You keep making the same bad decisions, because it's too dark to see the end of it. You go round and round in a circle of despair...until you allow the light of Jesus to shine in your heart. When you allow the light of Jesus to touch your life, it's as if everything around you becomes illuminated. Then you look back at your old life and think, "Oh, my goodness, it was dark there. No wonder I kept stumbling into all those brick walls."

Father, thank you for giving us this light, this incorruptible, priceless treasure we carry in our very corruptible bodies. Thank you for being the light that leads us through our dark times, our times of fear, hardship and tears. Help us to walk in the newness of life, the light of Jesus' life, so that others might see You in us.