



REFLECTIONS

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**“...let your light shine before men, that they
may see your good deeds and praise your
Father in heaven.”**

Matthew 5:16

Vessel of Light

There was always something special about those stormy evenings when a lightening flash in the sky extinguished the light in the house. The sudden darkness sent us fearfully groping for light. Most often one lowly candle came to our rescue with much more than a flicker of light into the darkened room.

Its light filled the room with serenity that changed the mood in the entire house. We talked more quietly. We walked more carefully. We listened more intently. All from the light of one lowly candle.

We seemed to bask in the peace that overcame fear from the storm. Then one by one, we lit other candles and placed them in different rooms. The candles carried more light, but they did not diminish the mood. They spread it.

Today we live in a stormy world. There is the darkness of war, a lingering pandemic, and human suffering from poverty and addiction. Our world is overrun by immorality, corruption, and greed. Our stormy world produces fear and leaves us groping for a ray of hope.

There *is* one.

Jesus is the light of the world, and we are his vessels. The storms in our world cast their darkness upon us, but Jesus calls us to be vessels of light amid them. Even a small light casts its warmth into dark places and creates serenity to calm fears.

You are a vessel of Jesus' light in the world. Shine it brightly.

“You are the light of the world.”

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