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Jamie Bronner: Welcome to Brothers of the Word because brother and sister you need the Word. All right, so the title of my message today is It Is Lit Up in Here. Now, I know a lot of you are like, "Hold up now, we're not doing all that at church." That is not what I mean today, we're not talking about lit like a party, we ain't talking about that, we're using it in a different context today, but I'm going to get to it later, but that's the title of my message.

So, if you will turn to John 1:4 it says, "In him was life and that life was the light of all mankind." Now I remember this one time, I was you know, well not one time, most of the times. So, when I was a little girl, I'll be honest I used to be really, really afraid to go on my parent's room or downstairs if it was like dark outside, no one else is down there. I will get so afraid. Now, I wasn't necessarily afraid of the darkness, I was afraid that what was going come out of the darkness. I was scared some monsters was going to come eat me, a demon or a person was going to come attack me.

Now someone was downstairs with me or the lights were on, you know, I would have been fine, but since I felt that I had no protection in the dark, I was super afraid. Now when we get into that dark place, physically and mentally, and we sometimes don't look for the light, that's when bad things start to come up, and we just stop looking for the light, we stop looking for a way to get out, that's when things start to come up. You start to feel alone, you start to feel scared, and whenever you start to feel scared, you show a different type of yourself, you have a different reaction to things, compared to if you are comfortable or you are well aware of your surroundings.

And another time I remember when I was younger, we were coming back as a family from somewhere and it was dark outside

and my Dad had left something in the car and that, mind you, I would never go outside by myself., ever, if it was at night, I have somebody out there with me. So, my Dad had left something in the car and he went out there to get it, and I was like, how is he not afraid like, I was like, okay, something is wrong, what the world is going on.

So, he came back and I said, “Daddy, how are you not afraid to go out there by yourself?” He was like, “Well you know because Jesus is with me.” And then from then on, I was like, “Oh okay, so that’s the secret.” So, every time I went downstairs, every time I went in my parent’s room, I was like, Jesus feel me, Jesus feel me, feel me, feel me, as I’m running and I would be in there and out but I was still be calling on the name of Jesus. Because I knew if I called on his name, he was going to be there for me, and let me tell you, I am a witness here, I haven’t gotten eaten by no monsters and nothing, because I called on Jesus and he was there for me.

I also heard this saying, that we aren’t necessarily afraid of the dark, but we’re scared that we’re not alone in the dark, but some of you guys feel like you’re alone in the dark, you feel like -- then no one understands what’s you’re going through, that you think that no one else has been through what you’re going through, that you have to go through all these stuffs alone, and you just get so discouraging, it was like I can’t open my eyes, if I open my eyes, I am going to see something that I don’t want to see I’m going to get disappointed, I’m just going to be a failure, I can’t do it, I’m not even going to try to get out of it.

So then you end up putting chain on yourself, you let fear hold you back from the light, you decide on your own that I am not going to even try anymore, I am just going to keep my eyes closed and just try to fight it. But that was not what God intended for you to do. We don’t always know what’s going to happen in the dark. We don’t know what’s going to pop up. We don’t know what’s going on. But as long as we call on Jesus in our time of need, he is going to be there.

And like in movies, you see if somebody was in a dark tunnel or something, they’re like, “Oh there’s light, let’s go to the light.” Every single time, light gives you a positive feeling and lets you know that everything is going to be okay. But when you’re running from the light, you think, “Oh, I have to just stay in the

situation, I had to stay in my circumstance.” That’s when the problem occurs because you’re not seeking for any growth, you’re not seeking to find yourself in a better place, you’re just stuck, you’re keeping yourself stuck, you’re holding yourself back.

We tend to see things different in the dark than we do in the light, our high alert is on in the dark, which is okay I have to get out of here. Your focus isn’t on anything else, you’re just focused on your problem right then and there, and if we don’t focus on anything else, the things we’re supposed to get done is not going to get done because we’re focused on just trying to get out this dark place, but if we were to open our eyes, open our eyes and see that there is light, that there is difference, that Jesus is the light that we need, we will see that we can get out the situation, because our eyes can mess with us sometimes.

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I know sometimes at night, I don’t have the best vision, I wear glasses, so I don’t sleep with my glasses on, and I wake up and I open my eyes, and I see a monster in the corner, I feel like, hold up, something’s wrong, and I’ll be like, am I tripping or is that just a pile of clothes? Now if I was in the light, I would have seen that was a pile of clothes but since I was in the dark, I wasn’t very aware of my surroundings so I was like, okay, I came to go back to sleep now, I’m scared a little bit, I had to get up and see what it was.

And when we’re in the dark, we tend to see things like it’s worse than it actually is. We’re like, man, I don’t know what that is, like I don’t know he is too hard to overcome, but we just start to assume that is harder than what it actually is, we just assume that since I can’t see what’s going on, I can’t see -- has going to be better in the future that this is it, this is all I have.

If we get a different perspective, if we go to the light, we feel more comfortable, more confident, we get more aware of our surroundings, we realize it’s not that bad, that we’re not alone. If that light was on in the room, I would have seen if my sister was in there with me. But since it was dark, I just felt like I was alone, I was like there’s no one here, that’s going to be able to understand what I am going through, because you know, she got 20/20 vision, so she can see that’s a pile of clothes but I couldn’t.

I was just blind, I was just -- I'm just, my head just had the doubt of the day because I don't know what that is.

And our problem occurs whenever we aren't seeking the light. We start to settle with our circumstance, and we think we had to fight it all alone, we think that no one else is here for us. In events that we're going to get tired, we're going to start to lose faith, we're going to start to doubt ourselves, we're just fighting it alone, no one else is there to pick us back up and encourage us to keep going. We're going to realize, "Okay, well maybe I should stop because nothing is changing, maybe I should just give up. I'm not even going to try anymore."

But if we do that, what hope is there? We just left it all in the devil's hands, we left it all in the other person's hands, we didn't even try anymore. He wants to be there to protect us, help us feel secure whenever we feel insecure in a certain situation or environment. Jesus knows how it feels for people to not want him or not care for him. He knows so that he can go tell his Daddy, "Hey, they need help, go help them." He knows the devil was going to do some things, and we can't control what the devil is doing. He knows that we don't even have the strength to fight it off.

So God is going to be there to help us through, to help us, to guide us, because Jesus is the only way, the only light that is bright enough to lead our future, to be there for us and when I say that Jesus is literally the son of God, he is the son of God, yes you in. Anytime of day, you look up, you just know the sun is going to be there. Even if it's cloudy, even if it's rainy, we know the sun is going to be there.

Anytime we need to be God, it might go down for a little bit, but guess what, we know what's coming right back up so all we have to do is have faith in that light. And if we stop comparing ourselves to other people, looking at they like, you know we thinking all men their light is so bright, I don't know if I need to get like them, but you know there are different types of light. See, you got Christmas lights, you've got headlights, you've got light bulbs in here. They all serve different purposes but they all do the same thing, they light up things.

Now, we want to put a headlight on a Christmas tree, you know how many people will be blinded? Do you know the problem that

that will cause but they all have different purposes, but they all do the same thing, which is light up a room, don't let someone else's light dim your own, don't look at them and be like, you know since my light is not as bright as theirs, I have to do something, no. Because we all have a different purpose in this life, our lights are not for some people, but we need to receive other people's lights to get that energy from God. So just worry about spreading your own light that you have and stop worrying about what other people got to say, because if we give too much of that energy away, we're going to lose it, we're not even have enough of the people that God intended it to be for.

People feel like they don't even need Jesus no more, they feel like, since we got this new light, you know I am okay, you know I got happiness, you know I got Netflix, I got Hulu, I got Instagram, all of this on this new light, like I can literally look up anything on Google, and find everything that I need, everything, we think it causes all this happiness, but really what it causes is a whole bunch of judgment on ourselves, a whole bunch of judgment on other people's lives because as you see, sometimes people be trolling on the Internet. They'll be like, "Oh yeah, why is she doing this, why is she doing that?" Because they feel like they've lost the self-awareness of themselves, and they just decide that they're just going to be a person like covering themselves on the Internet like nobody knows who you are.

So people start saying stuff and doing stuff and it's not real, it's not actually how they're feeling or actually how they are in real life, and if we keep looking at our phone so much, we keep looking at this light that we think is going to help us, we're going to mess ourselves up, worried about what other people got to say about our life.

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So, we start to seek the lights that gave up everything for us, which is Jesus. He gave up his whole world for us and all he's asking you to do is give up a little bit of your world for him, a little bit of time like Joseph was saying, "Go worship, go show him some love." That's all he's asking. He's not asking you to jump off of a cliff like so many people do on the Internet. They do that for likes and views and comments. They would go jump and almost kill themselves for a like.

But when Jesus asks you to do, you're like, "Oh man, I don't have time. I got so much going on." But you would do anything for this little new light right here that you got on you. And you know, Jesus gave up everything. We think we got everything in the palm of our hands with the Internet. Jesus literally has everything in the palm of His hands. When He died on the cross for us. When he got those nails, nailed against the cross. He said, "God, I'm willing to die for these people. I'm willing to give up everything for them." And He's just asking you to just follow him, just go where He tells you to go. He's not asking you to do much.

When you feel like, you know, you don't know what to do next, all you got to do is ask, ask for clarification like, "Jesus, show me what I need to do. Show me the reassurance that I need. If I'm not supposed to be here, if I'm not supposed to be in this situation, God, show me." And He will show you. He will guide you with that light.

All you got to do is ask and just follow because you don't have to do it on your own, you're not supposed to be doing it on your own. And in John 9:5, it says, "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Jesus is on this earth. He is living in all of us. So, we continue to spread his love. Do you know how many people will be blessed just from us? If you continue to show what Christians are about and show what Jesus is about, you know how many people can be blessed just by your light? Not even worried about Jesus but they can be blessed by your light, because you're an outlet of his light.

So, how are you going to do it is just be a faithful Christian, go out and do what you know is right because guess what, other people are watching your light, once you bright up, people can see you, they can see everything that's going around, around you. So, let's make sure for this new year that we are incorporating Jesus into our lives, into our homes, into our minds and spirit that we let His light lead us, and we're not trying to lead ourselves in the wrong direction.

Open your eyes if you're in the dark, ask God, be like, "God, I need some help. Just help man, just show me. You don't going to be no -- but God -- no, you just got to be like, "God, I need help." And He's going to be there to help you. All right, that's all I have for you guys today. Keep that light.

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