



## Ministry of Darkness

When there are lights, I know my friends from my enemies. When there is light I can see an obstacle in the pathway. When there are lights I can size up the situation. But when the lights are taken away, I have no conscious assurance of where I am. I'm talking about those times in a Christian's life when it just seems like God is silent.

You are thrown into adverse circumstances, and you look up to heaven and cry out, "Why, God? Why has this happened to me?" And there is no answer, and there's no direction, and there's no light.

But there is a reason. God does send unusual ministers into our lives at certain times to help us, to perfect us in the Christian faith.

And one of these unusual and strange ministers that God sends our way is the Minister of Darkness.

When we study the Bible and read about the great lives of men of God in the olden times who walked with God, we find that every one of these great men of God, for a period of time, walked in darkness.

God spoke His word to these men and He expected them to obey.

Circumstances came along that contradicted everything that God had told them. But God expected them to go right ahead and obey them even though everything seemed wrong.

## OUR FEELINGS?

It's wonderful to have emotional highs. I have experienced several of these emotional highs in my life. I think that that nearly every man who has made a trip to the Kiamichi Clinic would probably say that his first trip to the Kiamichi Clinic was a great emotional high in his life. And it's probably the same way for some of you who come to this family camp meeting. I dare say that your first trip to this family camp meeting would probably be an emotional high in your life.

Every teenager who has ever gone to Christian service camp in the summertime has experienced an emotional high. I don't think

there's anything wrong with having emotional highs; in fact, I will confess that I covet them. But I want to tell you something about these emotional highs. If I struggled up on this platform tonight, grasping for everything in sight, and I leaned against this amplifier, and I leaned against this piano to support, and I fell over the pulpit like I couldn't stand up, you would say, "Why look, something's wrong with Reggie; he must have a weakness; he must have an illness or something. He can't stand up. Look at him, he's having to lean on everything." And I'm afraid that's what lots of people have formed the habit of doing; they're leaning on their feelings; leaning on their emotional highs. People don't want to pray unless they **feel** like praying. They think that God is listening to them in a special way and that they're going to get the very answer that they want.

Some people don't want to go witnessing unless they just have that **special feeling** for witnessing, and they don't want to go to church on Sunday morning unless they just wake up and **feel like it**. **It is a dangerous thing to start leaning on our feelings.**

It's a great thing to have these emotional highs and be way up on the mountaintop, but you know if I had my choice I would rather bring to you a low-pressure type of a message that might just keep you on level ground and instead of sending you away tonight with some emotional high, I would like to send you away with something for you to think about that you can recall. Then when you get away from this camp meeting and you come down from the emotional high you can say, "Well, I heard something there that's really going to help me. I'm going to study about this; I'm going to think about it and I'm going to search the scriptures more and find about this and get my feet on the solid ground. Because there are times when we do have these darkneses that come upon us as we go through life.

I want to suggest to you this evening three things that you can do when the lights go out. These three things you can do when you have no emotion. These three things you can do when you don't have any feeling. These three things you can do when you don't have the feeling to pray, when you don't have the feeling to go to church, or when you don't have the feeling to go out witnessing.

**I. First of all, when the light is withdrawn, just keep on walking.**

I know that in the physical realm that would be the wrong thing to do. In fact, if you were walking through these woods tonight and it became totally black you would want to stop because you might fall off into a hole. There might be an old abandoned well around here somewhere. You'd be in trouble if it became absolutely black and you couldn't see anything. So, you'd stop until you could get hold of a flashlight or call for help or something. If you're driving your automobile this evening and suddenly the lights go out, you'd stop, because you might involve yourself in an accident, you might drive into some other car and cause somebody to be killed or something. But what is logical on the physical plane may be illogical on the spiritual plane. And so, what are we to do in the spiritual realm in living the Christian life for our Lord Jesus Christ when the light is withdrawn and all feeling is gone, and there's trouble and despair, disappointment and heartache?

Let's read again this verse from Isaiah 50:10 "Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyed the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light?" That walketh in darkness - you see, it's continued action. You are just to keep on walking when the darkness comes. Keep on trusting the Lord. Keep on praying, even when he doesn't answer like you want him to. Keep on witnessing, even when you don't have converts to your witnessing. Just keep on attending church, even when you don't feel like attending.

It's easy to pray when you feel inspired. It's easy when you have that strong inner urge. It's easy to pray when you've had many answers to your prayers and you can get up and testify and witness and tell how God is answering your prayers. But what happens when the darkness comes? And when you pray about something for six months or a year, or four or five years, or twenty years, and you still haven't had the answer to it? Well most of us say, well, I'm just going to pull over to the side of the road and quit. What's the use of it anyway; I've prayed and nothing happened. I'll just quit praying. Or, I'm just going to quit going to church; I don't get any good out of that preacher's sermon anyway. He tells too many jokes, or he doesn't tell any jokes. He smiles or he frowns, or he parts his hair on the wrong side. Or he doesn't have any hair and he ought to get some hair. We've always got something to complain about if we want to

complain, so "I'll just quit."

God is trying to teach us be faithful - to keep walking regardless of the circumstances. Now you know there are times when I really feel like witnessing. There are times when I get up in the morning and just can't wait to get going. I'm just anxious to go out and tell people about Jesus. And then there are other times when I could care less, really. I wake up some mornings and I don't want to go witnessing. I don't want to see anybody. I want to hibernate. But I have learned that I don't have to depend on my feelings. I can depend on the power of God's Holy Word. And if I don't feel like witnessing I can go witnessing anyway. When I go witnessing, I can simply show people what God says right here in the Bible. And some days when I feel my worst, I am still able to witness and show people the word of God and see someone come to Jesus Christ. Now what's wrong when I wake up and don't feel like witnessing? Maybe nothing's wrong; but one thing's for sure, I don't have to wait for the feeling to go witnessing. I can go because God tells me to go.

Do you know when I usually feel the most "unspiritual"? It's on Sunday morning. That's right. Now for years, the devil just whipped me all over the place on this. Saturday night I'd feel great; I was ready to preach; I could hardly wait to stand up and open God's word and preach His word. I was just waiting for Sunday morning to come and could hardly sleep on Saturday night I was so anxious to preach. And then Sunday morning I'd get up and I'd say, "Oh, Lord, I wish I could die." Just felt terrible! I'd struggle out of bed and look in the mirror to shave and say, "Oh, no, I can't face the congregation." I'd stand there and try to shave and think, What has happened to me? Why do I feel like this? Have I sinned or something. And I'd start thinking and so I'd say well, I'd better confess all my sins. I'd go back over my whole life and name off everything and put in a few extra ones just in case I'd forgotten anything. I just felt terrible, you know - because of my feelings. The light had gone out; I was in the darkness temporarily. But nothing was really wrong. I thank God that he has liberated me from my feelings. And that even when I don't feel like it, I can stand up and preach God's word.

Just suppose that I would phone my wife tomorrow evening and say, "Well, honey, I'm not coming home tonight." She'd say, "What? Well,

why aren't you coming home?" And I would say, "**Well, I just don't feel married.**" She'd say, "What do you mean, you don't feel married?" And I'd say, "**Well, you know how it is; if you don't feel married, there's no use in coming home.**" Well, my wife would say, "Look, our marriage is not based upon feeling, it's based upon fact, and the fact is you said 'I do,' and you'd better!"

Now the fact is that in 1937, I said I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. I accept you as my Lord and Savior. I was buried with Him in Christian baptism. I put my old life of sin behind me because Jesus cleansed me with His own precious blood. I received the Holy Spirit, so my relationship to God doesn't depend upon feeling. It's a fact and the Word of God says so. And I have this to depend upon, even when I don't feel like it.

### A GREAT TEST

Now there came a great testing time in my life. For years and years I had rejoiced in God's blessings and then suddenly the bottom dropped out for me. I felt exactly like Job. It was almost like God said to me, "Reggie, things have been going good for you and you've praised the Lord. But after all, why not? Look how I've blessed you. The work in the church has gone well. When you've preached there have been converts. You were able to even help build a church building. Think of all the great blessings that I've showered down upon you. I wonder if you would praise me if everything went wrong?"

And that's exactly what happened. Everything went wrong. And I walked in darkness. But I found out something. When you walk in darkness, you soon discover something better than the light, and that's the Lord. It's great to serve the Lord when the lights are on, but He expects us to serve Him even when the lights go out. Don't forget that it was in the darkness that Job said, "Even though he slay me yet will I serve him." That is my suggestion to you - when the lights go out, just keep on walking - in the darkness. Keep on trusting. Keep on praying. Keep on believing. Keep on serving.

II. I have a second suggestion when the lights go out. **Don't light your own fire.** Let's read this scripture again. "Who is among you

that feareth the Lord, that obeyed the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord and stay upon his God. Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.”

Now it only seems natural that if the lights go out and you're a preacher, well, you've got a job to do. So kindle your own fire. Isn't that the right thing to do. Or, if you're an elder and the lights go out, well, stir up your own fire. If you're a Sunday School teacher and the lights go out, light your own fire. That sounds logical, doesn't it? Not in the spiritual realm. If you do you will lie down in sorrow. God is saying, "If I allow you to dwell in darkness and you turn around and light your own fire, I'm going to see to it that you do lie down in sorrow because lighting your own fire symbolizes man's efforts, and we're to trust God - to depend upon Him, and not ourselves.

### MOSES

One of the best illustrations that I can think of is Moses. God called Moses to deliver the children of Israel. But in Moses' eyes, God was moving too slowly. And so he said, I'll take matters into my own hands and he murdered an Egyptian and set the work of God back 40 years. He lit his own fire.

### ABRAHAM

Abraham is another tremendous example of this. God spoke to Abraham and said I'm going to give you a boy and through this child all the nations of the world will be blessed. And Abraham, said Oh God, this is so wonderful. Do you really mean it? Are you actually going to bless me with a boy and bless all people in the whole world because of this son. And God said, "That's right." And then after God told Abraham this, he turned out the lights. He gave Abraham a barren wife. Now isn't that something? There are times when outward circumstances seem to contradict everything that God has said. God said, "Abraham, I'm going to give you a son." And turns around and gives him a barren wife. So Abraham walked in darkness, and he walked in darkness. Finally he was going to light

his own fire. And you know what? Sarah provided the match. She said, "Look, why don't you take my handmaiden, Hagar, and have a baby with her?" And so, Abraham did.

I do like the way that Kenneth Taylor's rendition reads there in Genesis 15. I know it's not very good to mention the Living Bible. It's really not a translation, but I enjoy reading it for my own thoughts. In the Living Bible, Genesis 15, after that baby was born to Hagar we know it just intensifies Sarah's shame; and then Sarah said to Abraham, "It's all your fault." Now that's Kenneth Taylor's idea, I guess, but I agree with him. That's probably what Sarah did say.

"It's all your fault." I can just hear her saying it. It wasn't all his fault. It was 50% his fault. But it had to be 50% Sarah's fault, too, because she suggested it. God had promised Abraham and Sarah a son, and they were faithless. They didn't believe God's word. They walked in darkness and they lit their own fire, and the world has been struggling with that problem ever since, because right until today, the Arabs and Jews, both children of Abraham, cannot get along. Now that's what happens when we light our own fire.

### THE ISRAELITES

Another example of this is the children of Israel. God said that he would lead them and that he would bring them to the promised land.

He said, all you've got to do is go possess the land because I'm delivering it to you and I'll destroy your enemies. But the children of Israel said, No, we'd rather light our own fire. So they sent in the spies and you remember 10 of the spies came back and they said, Oh we can't do it. We just can't do it. There are giants in the land; there's no way in the light of our fire. It's impossible. So they wandered for 40 years.

It not only happens in our lives as individuals; it happens in the life of the church collectively. How many congregations do you know today, in your own experience, that are walking in darkness and because of walking in darkness instead of trusting the Lord they decide as a congregation to light their own fire. Oh my! I guess we could write a whole book of stories we know of churches that are doing that very thing.

Just recently I heard about one church that was in such terrible turmoil that one of the preachers was thinking of quitting the ministry. A friend of mine was talking with this young preacher and ask why he was thinking about quitting. And this young preacher said there was going to be an emergency elders' meeting Sunday night and he just dreads to go to it. And my friend asked what kind of emergency has come up. The young preacher said it was about him. My friend asked what he had done. He said "Oh, I haven't done anything; you see they're having this emergency meeting to decide what they are going to call me. They're trying to decide whether they're going to call me the **assistant minister** or whether they're going to call me the **associate minister**, or whether they're going to call me the **equipping minister**." Now isn't that a tragedy? You know, in my opinion that church surely must have been walking in darkness, and I guess that they decided that they were going to solve their problems by hiring an equipping minister or an associate minister, or an assistant minister, or something to solve their troubles. instead by lighting their own fire they'd gotten into worse troubles because they're about to have a church split. I think if I were that preacher I'd say "Well, why don't you just forget about what you're going to call me and just let me serve the Lord." Isn't it pitiful that there would have to be a special elders' meeting over something like that.

### A LEADERSHIP PROBLEM

I can tell you one even worse than that. It almost brings tears into my eyes to think about it. And this is going on right now and I wouldn't dare name the church because you'd know it if I told you the place. Some of the members of this church came to see me last week to tell me of the tragedy. This congregation is another one that has been walking in darkness and they have a great problem that they refuse to recognize. It's a leadership problem. The whole congregation knows it, but the ones who are the leaders will not face it. The congregation doesn't want them for leaders but they're hanging onto the leadership with a stranglehold and the whole congregation is suffering as a result of it. The whole church is walking in darkness. Well, they decided to light their own fire.

### THE LIGHT OF EVANGELISM



Now I debated a long time whether to tell this, Brother Clarence, because you know how much I love you and I wouldn't want you to think this is a reflection against your ministry. And you don't even know it, but this church decided to light their own fire with one of your ideas. They decided to have a light of evangelism. Now of course you know that there's nothing wrong with the light of evangelism. I think you're the one that originated that great idea that has been used in so many churches. It's a real tragedy that this has happened, but it just shows you how the devil can come in and really just ruin a whole church - even over a good idea.

The Bible School superintendent had heard about your light of evangelism at Grundy and he thought, Oh that would be a great idea.

We can stop our church from quarreling and arguing and we can get them interested in evangelism and soul-winning, so we'll put this light of evangelism up. Well, somebody built them a cardboard light of evangelism and rigged it up with a wire and turned the light on. But you know there were a few people in this church who believed they were too high and mighty and so forth, to put up with anything like that. They said, Oh my, can you imagine anything as distracting as that awful light of evangelism in the sanctuary? Of all places - in the sanctuary. Oh, they just created an uproar; that light of evangelism is spoiling our holy sanctuary. So this one man went to the chairman of the board and he said, "You've got to get this awful thing out of our sanctuary." And the chairman of the board said that he didn't put it up; that it was the Sunday School, the Bible School superintendent's idea. I'm not going to hurt his feelings over this. This went on week after week; this same man just putting pressure on the chairman of the board, "You've gotta get rid of that light of evangelism." Finally the chairman of the board finally said, "All right, I'll get rid of the stupid thing if it will shut you up," and so he went down to the church house during the week and he took that light of evangelism and shoved it back in the corner of the closet and hid it. Well, Sunday morning came - this was last Sunday when this happened - and the congregation came in and there was no light of evangelism and there was a big uproar over it. You see, the Bible School superintendent was angry because it was his idea and the supporters were angry; people who had been working to bring newcomers; they were upset. There was no light of evangelism. They went around asking, "What happened to the light of evangelism? What happened to the light of

evangelism?" They got all stirred up; nobody even thought about worshipping God last Sunday morning. It was all a big controversy over that. So finally the chairman of the board confessed, "I did it. I'm the guilty one. I hid it. It's back in the closet." He said, if you'll all shut up, I'll go get and bring it back out this afternoon. Oh my, the whole church went home and they phoned each other. They talked back and forth all Sunday afternoon about this. The chairman of the board went down to the church house and he got that chart out and brought it back in the sanctuary. In the meantime, Sunday night came and the choir leader came early and he was another one who was antagonized by that light of evangelism. He saw it back up. He took it and he put it in the choir room. Well, the chairman of the board walked in Sunday night and there was no light of evangelism. And he had told everybody Sunday afternoon that it would be back up. The people walked in and there was no light of evangelism. This church is being torn asunder over that light of evangelism.

In reality the light of evangelism wasn't the problem. That church is walking in darkness. There is a leadership problem in the congregation that they're not willing to face it and so they're trying to light their own fire instead of getting right with the Lord.

**I want to suggest two reasons why you must not light your own fire.**

a. The first reason is because darkness is ordained of God. If we are walking in darkness there is a good reason for it. God is working, ministering to us in that darkness to perfect us in the Christian faith. In Genesis the Bible says that evening and morning were the first day. That means that darkness was as much a part of the day as the light. Now when you light your own fire you are taking matters into your own hands. You're going to do what you think is best.

As I look back on my own life, I shudder to think of the times when I have engineered everything; when I have planned everything; when I decided just how everything was going to be and then after making all the plans, I'd say, "God lead me." Well, I wasn't letting God lead me at all; I'd already done the leading. I was just asking God to decide that what I'd done was going to be OK.

Don't light your own fire because darkness is ordained of God.

b. The second reason why you must not light your own fire is because man made light can be very deceptive.

### A WEDDING

I was on my way to perform a wedding, and it was one of these formal weddings where everybody had to wear a tuxedo and so I stopped off at the shop where you rent them and the tuxedo they'd laid out for me - the coat was too big - it wouldn't fit. They said never mind, they had lots of coats; so they put on another one and they fitted me all out. So I paid them and started on my way and as soon as I got down to the church house and stepped out of the car and started to run in the building, I looked and I was embarrassed. The pants were a different color from the coat. I looked horrible. Now they were both black. But you know how it is; there are different shades of black. The two shades were so contrasting that it looked ridiculous. I looked at my watch and there wasn't time to get back to that tuxedo shop. I thought Oh, how embarrassed I'm going to be.

Well, I walked on inside the church house and you know what happened? Under artificial lights, that tuxedo looked gorgeous! You couldn't tell that anything was wrong. Man made light can be so deceptive. So, when you're walking in darkness, just keep on walking. That's the first thing. Keep on trusting the Lord. Keep on praying. Keep on witnessing. Keep on attending church. Keep right on living the Christian. Secondly, don't light your own fire. Because if you do, well, you're going to lie down in sorrow in the sparks of your own fire.

**III. But there's a third suggestion that I have. Find a staff to lean on.** Genesis 50, verse 10, once again, "Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyed the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God." And that word "stay" can be translated "staff". It's the same idea that we find in Psalm 23:4, "Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." What do you do when you pray and there's no answer? I hope you keep on praying. What do you do when you study your Bible and you don't seem to be getting anywhere? I hope you keep on studying. What do you do when you

witness and there are no converts? Well, I hope you just keep on witnessing. What happens when there's just no answer from God? I hope you keep on trusting Him. That's the only thing that there is to do if we want to make progress with God. Because you see, God sometimes does withdraw his conscious blessings in order to teach us to really trust Him.

Four times in the Bible we read these words, "The just shall live by faith." The just shall live by faith. And in Hebrews 11:6, "Without faith it is impossible to please God." I wish that the Bible had said without going to church it is impossible to please God. I wish that it had said that without prayer it is impossible to please God. I wish it had said that without witnessing it is impossible to please God. But it didn't; it said that without faith it is impossible to please God. And the just shall live by faith. And in Romans, Chapter 14, do you remember verse 23, "Whatsoever is not of faith is of sin." You see, there is no alternative to faith except sin. Faith is not optional equipment; faith is a necessity. Everyone of us has prayed, "Oh God, give me more faith." I know that you have prayed that. But how do you think that God is going to give us more faith. Is he going to wave a holy wand over our head and put a zap on you and say, "There, I've given you more faith." No, it doesn't happen like that, does it?

Once during my ministry, I had a dear friend, a member of the congregation whose name was John Norwick. For one solid year John Norwick was in the South Fulton Hospital in Georgia. He had staph infection. It was one of the most fantastic, terrible things that I've ever seen happen to a human being in my entire life. Of course it was the hospital's fault that he got the infection. He went into the hospital with a very minor problem and developed the infection and it went first one place then another and finally centered in his leg. He was operated on time after time. When he finally came out of the hospital and was able to attend the church services, he asked to give his testimony. He stood up and gave his testimony and it was one of the most thrilling that I've ever listened to in all of my life. Everyone that night left on the mountaintop and all during the next week I heard people say, "Oh I wish that I had the faith of John Norwick." But there's a funny thing about that - nobody wants to go to the school that he attended to get faith like that!

I once read a book about George Mueller, who is supposed to be a great man of faith. As I read that book, it really inspired me. I remember one day I knelt and prayed, "Oh God, give me more faith. Teach me, God, to have faith like that." And do you know what happened? The bottom dropped out of my life. I mean everything went wrong that could possibly go wrong. So I started crying, "Lord, help me." And so God said, "Make up your mind, son." That's right. We pray for things sometimes and we don't know what we're asking for. Lord, teach me more faith. Well how do you think God teaches us faith? Many times the only way is just to let the bottom fall out, and that's when we learn to really trust the Lord.

I want to ask you a few questions tonight which I want you to silently answer. Do you know what I'm talking about? Do you know what I mean when I talk about walking in darkness? Do you know what I mean about serving the Lord and not realize any conscious blessings? Do you know what I mean about praying and praying and praying and not ever getting the answer you want? Do you know what I'm talking about when I'm talking about witnessing and not having any converts as a result of your witnessing? Some of you know what I'm talking about and you know that it's true. And you know that we find out in the darkness who really trusts the Lord. I can remember a time in my life when I trusted God because of His blessings. Oh how he blessed me; but the blessings were taken away because God didn't want me to trust blessings; God wanted me to trust Him. There was a time in my life when the proof that God loved me was the way that He was answering my prayers.

Marvelous answers! And you know what happened? God stopped answering because He didn't want me to trust in prayer answers; God wanted me to trust in Him. There was a time in my life when I knew God was working; how did I know it - because of visible results. And you know what happened. God shut them off. Because he didn't want my faith to be in results, but He wanted my faith to be in Him.

And I've already told you that I've had several emotional experiences when my feelings were high. And then those feelings were removed. I didn't even feel compassion for a while; nor inspiration; nor anything else. Because God didn't want me to trust feelings; God wanted me to trust Him. And I'm afraid that sometimes we have loved God only for what He does for us instead of loving Him.

Therefore, the ministry of darkness is to teach us to lean on Him.

## A GREAT PREACHER

There have been several preachers in my lifetime who have been great inspirations to me. One of those preachers was Brother W. R. Walker, who served the Lord for 25 years at the Indianola Church of Christ, Columbus, Ohio. Brother Walker had many, many trying circumstances that came into his life. There were many times when he walked in darkness. There was much suffering that he went through that most of us didn't know anything about.

I was in a revival meeting with the Payne sisters - Gladys and Hazel Payne Crouch, down in Louisville, Kentucky. They had this personal experience with Brother W. R. Walker and related it to me. So it is secondhand information coming through the Payne sisters. I didn't actually hear Brother Walker tell this with his own mouth, but rather I heard it from their mouths. The last six years that Mrs. Walker lived, she was a total invalid; she knew nothing; she was like a vegetable.

She could not talk with Brother Walker; she could have no fellowship with him. There was absolutely nothing. She may as well have been dead. But Brother Walker, because he was a faithful Christian, a faithful preacher, a faithful husband, sat right there by her bedside for six long years. He never left her, not even one night, in six years. He ministered to her every need. Only one time did he leave her for a few short hours. He left just long enough to fly down to Lexington and preach for the North American Christian Convention and flew right back to Columbus that night. That's the only time in six years that he even left her side. Toward the end of her life, one evening Mrs. Walker regained her senses and she was just as normal and rational as we are right now. She looked up at Brother Walker and smiled and they began conversing together as though there had been no interruption in their fellowship. And they had the most delightful conversation which lasted for about two hours. And then at the end of that two hours she lapsed back into a coma and after that she died. Well, just before she lapsed back into the coma, she reached up her arms; she put them around Brother Walker's neck; she hugged him tight and pulled him right down against her and she kissed him. She said, "Honey, I just want you to know that I love you more today than when we were just married over 50 years ago." Oh, wasn't that a tremendous victory - what a marvelous reward, and what a testimony

to a great Christian, a marvelous preacher - a faithful husband. May God help everyone of us to determine in our hearts that regardless of the circumstances of life; even when the lights go out, that we're going to keep trusting the Lord and leaning upon Him. May God bless each one of you.

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