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Second, we ought to examine our hearts and lives. Are there areas we are keeping hidden? Are we allowing the light of Christ to penetrate our secret corners? It is only by coming into the open with our struggles that we can truly experience His healing and empowerment.

Lastly, let us be vigilant in how we hear the Word of God. Attending to our spiritual growth means consistently engaging with Scripture, prayer, and community, fortifying our capacity to receive and reflect Christ's light.

As we journey through life, may we boldly carry our candles, fully aware of our calling to shine brightly for all, leaving nothing hidden, and embracing the profound promise of receiving in abundance the depths of God's glory and wisdom.

#### Lift Up in Prayer

Leaders of the United States, Russia, Ukraine, Israel, and Iran as they navigate complex challenges. Archie, as he embarks on his recovery journey. Yu Bedwell's uncle, as he undergoes cancer treatment. Peace in the United States. Isra's friend Rosales, who faces significant medical challenges and a possible two-organ transplant. We come before you with humble hearts, asking for your loving care and healing power for Patrick Johnson. Surround his family with your protection and peace, granting them resilience and hope through each day. Please grant Brother Ganett balance in all aspects of his life—spiritually, emotionally, and physically. Scott Roeske was recently diagnosed with esophageal cancer. Pray for strength, healing, and comfort for Scott and his loved ones during this difficult time. Please lead David's four children to salvation, granting them a heart of faith and a spirit of obedience. We also pray for David's wife, that she may be assigned to a smaller school and carry out her responsibilities as vice principal with wisdom and faithfulness. Lord, we lift up Alondra and her pregnancy; grant her health and success throughout this journey. Finally, we ask for Your blessing on Jacinth's recovery from her previous operation. Please grant her strength, comfort, and full healing as she moves forward. Surround her with Your peace and loving presence each day. In Jesus Name, Amen.

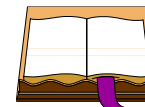
# CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Sunday Bible Study 10:00*

*Sunday Worship 11:00*

*Camp Humphreys Pacific*

*Victors Chapel (Sanctuary)*



*Wednesday Bible Study 18:30*

*Camp Humphreys Pacific*

*Victors Chapel*

*Rooms: 143 (Adults)*

*164 (Children)*

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*"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:31)*

## Shining the Light

By Francis Schaeffer

**Luke 8:16-18** is rich with symbolism and exhortation, particularly concerning our role in sharing the light of Christ in a world that often leans towards darkness. When we picture the act of lighting a candle, we immediately think of its purpose: to illuminate the surrounding space. It is illogical to hide, cover, or diminish the very thing meant to shine brightly. Similarly, as followers of Christ, we are called to be the light that reflects His grace and truth. Like a candle placed on a candlestick, we are meant to be positioned prominently for those around us to see and experience the love of God.

Jesus' analogy of the candle emphasizes visibility and purpose. When we light a candle, we naturally place it where its glow can reach the most people. The same applies to the spiritual light within us. When we accept Christ, His light enters our lives, but it serves no purpose if we keep it hidden under the bed of fear, shame, or indifference. We are reminded that our faith is not merely a private affair but a beacon for others.

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Moving to the second part of the passage (Verse 17), Jesus speaks to the inevitability of revelation. It's reassuring yet unsettling to realize that there are no secrets from God. Everything concealed will eventually come to light. This serves as a warning for us to live in integrity and transparency, both in our relationship with God and with others. The truth has a way of surfacing, and the light exposes what is dark. Are there areas in our lives that we seek to keep hidden? The grace of God invites us to bring these secrets into the light, so we can be made whole and healed.

Verse 18 places a strong emphasis on the importance of how we hear and perceive. Jesus encourages us to be attentive, implying that there is great responsibility tied to our spiritual growth. "For whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have." This can sound perplexing at first, but let's interpret it through a lens of spiritual insight. This verse underscores the necessity of diligently listening, understanding, and acting upon the teachings of Christ. Those who engage earnestly with what they have been given—knowledge of the holy—will find themselves rewarded with deeper insight and revelations. In contrast, those who disregard or are indifferent to such knowledge may find even the little they have slipping away.

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