

INTENTIONAL LIVING
PART 1: LIVING IN THE LIGHT
Lead Pastor: Ryan Rice
Sunday, March 22, 2020

THE PASSAGE

Ephesians 5:8-14, ESV

LIVING IN THE LIGHT

How do I live as light while living in a dark world?

#1 Remember who you are.

Ephesians 5:8; James 1:17; I John 1:7; I Peter 2:9; Ephesians 1:1,5; 2:9-10

- ✓ Darkness vs. Light
- ✓ Sinner vs. Saint
- ✓ Adopted vs. Orphaned
- ✓ Workmanship vs. Scrap Lumber

#2 Clarify your convictions.

Ephesians 5:9; James 1:6-8; Ephesians 4:14

- ✓ Good vs. bad
- ✓ Right vs. wrong
- ✓ True vs. false

#3 Aim to please.

Ephesians 5:10; 2 Corinthians 5:9; Colossians 1:10

- ✓ Obey vs. Please
- ✓ Seeking to pleasing God is about being proactive, not reactive.

#4 Expose the darkness.

Ephesians 5:11-14; Psalm 139:24; 2 Timothy 2:25

- ✓ In yourself
- ✓ In others

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#5 Shine your light.

Matthew 5:14-16; Mark 4:21; Romans 12:2; John 17:16; John 17:18, 20:21

- ✓ Don't hide the light
- ✓ Don't shine in the daylight
- ✓ Shine it in the darkness

COMMUNION

If you've placed your faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord & Savior, we invite you to partake in Communion wherever you happen to be worshipping. Here are some steps that we encourage you to follow:

1. Prepare a small piece of bread (cracker or similar), and a small cup of grape juice (or similar) that can serve as the elements of Communion.
2. Take a few moments and read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.
3. Spend a few moments in prayer (silently or aloud) thanking Jesus for His sacrifice, His love and forgiveness.
4. Partake in the elements of Communion.

TALK IT OVER

Living in the Light - Ephesians 4:8-14

1. What stood out to you the most and why?
2. Why is it so important to be a good witness as Christians?
3. What are a few ideas you could do to shine your good deeds?
4. Without using names or giving too many details, share about a time you had to expose some darkness in your life or the life of someone else.

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RESOURCES

Pastor Ryan and his wife are offering a few ways to help stay connected through this series.

1. Pastor Ryan and his wife Leslie will be responding to emailed questions from each message. Ryan@northvalleychurch.org and Leslie@northvalleychurch.org
In hopes to help encourage husbands, wives, men, and women in their faith and family.
2. Daily Intentional Living Devotionals will be posted on the website Monday - Friday.
3. Pastor Ryan will be available to connect via Facebook Live 1:30 pm Monday - Thursday for 10 minutes. He will be using the daily devotionals for topics to pray and encourage any who join in on the conversation.

HOW TO HELP

Time: Maybe host a watch party online to attend our online service at 9 am or 10:30 am on a Sunday? You may want to stay home and watch the service by yourself or with your family on Sunday morning.

This may be an opportunity for you to reach out to your family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors digitally, with the love of Jesus Christ.

Talent: You can offer your services at North Valley to help facilitate the various things going on in our community, at the office or on campus to continue our ministry and missions.

Treasure: Continue or start your online giving participation! Learn more or give at <https://www.northvalleychurch.org/give>

Testimony: Be in prayer and be prepared to give an answer for the HOPE that lies within you as many will be frightened and seeking answers in this uncertain time.

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- ✓ You may want to share how God is using North Valley to impact your life, let us know.
- ✓ You may want to get baptized and share your testimony!
- ✓ You may want to email a cool story of how God is working in someone at North Valley?

Email Joshua@northvalleychurch.org

Teamwork: This means being part of a team of people that will find unique ways to use your gifts for ministry and mission efforts.

- ✓ Help with a food drive
- ✓ Donate blood
- ✓ Serve on the campus
- ✓ Suggest another ministry or service
- ✓ You may know an elderly person or single mom in need, someone with a job loss? Let us know.