

Share in Suffering

# "This little light of mine

I'm going to let it shine!"

### Matthew 5:14-15

"You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.

Philippians 1:23-26 I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup> But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. 25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Philippians 1:27-30 <sup>27</sup> Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup> and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup> For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, 30 engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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### The people of the King share in suffering

Romans 12:15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

1 Corinthians 12:26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

2 Corinthians 1:7... we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

Romans 5 ...we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us

## Invitation

 Allow God and others into your pain and let them share in your suffering.

 Ask God to point out others who are suffering and how you can share in their suffering.

