

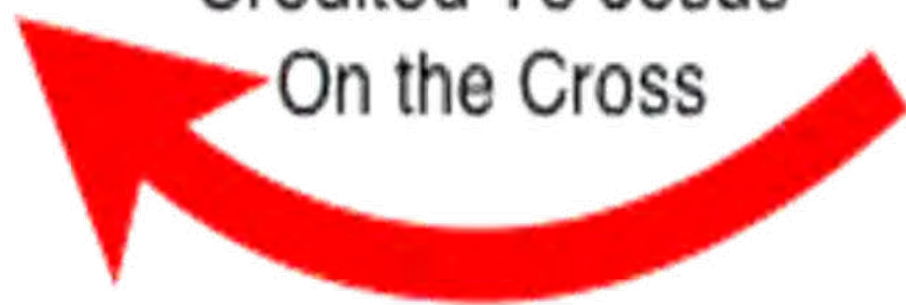
**Salty Christians Will Light
Their World**
Matthew 5: 13-16

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Christ's
Righteousness
Credited to Us

Justification



Our Guilt
Credited To Jesus
On the Cross

Verse 13

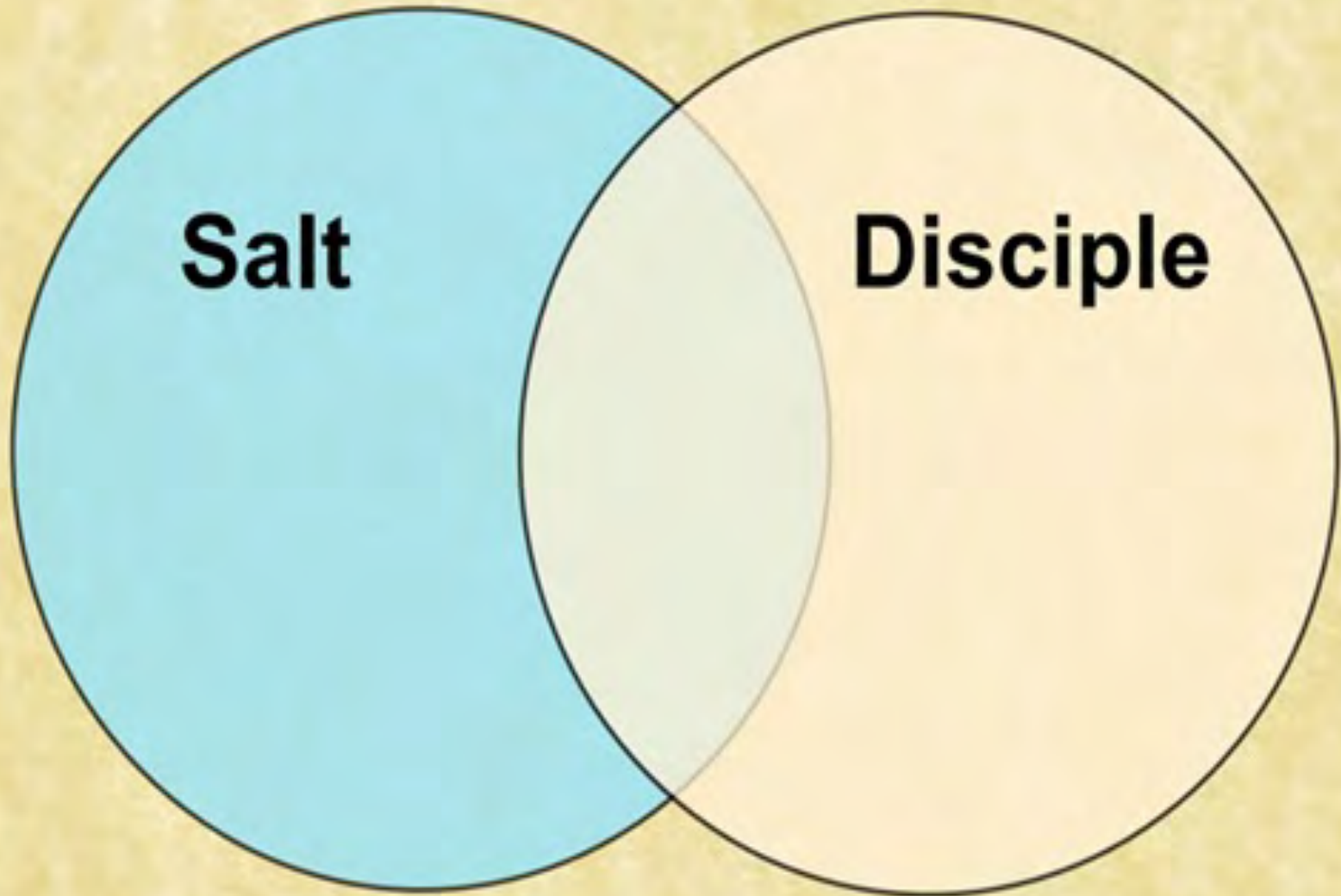
**Disciples are the Salt of
the Earth**

What does Jesus mean by salt?

*“You are the salt of
the earth”*

Fertilizer!

Metaphor = an implied comparison



Jesus is using fertilizer imagery *(common in His day)*

Fertilizer helps the ground be productive

Disciples are to be productive, rather than nonproductive

To be productive, fertilizer must be in contact with the ground

**Disciples must be in contact with,
and influence the world around
them to be salty!**

Right amount >

Right conditions >

Right time!!

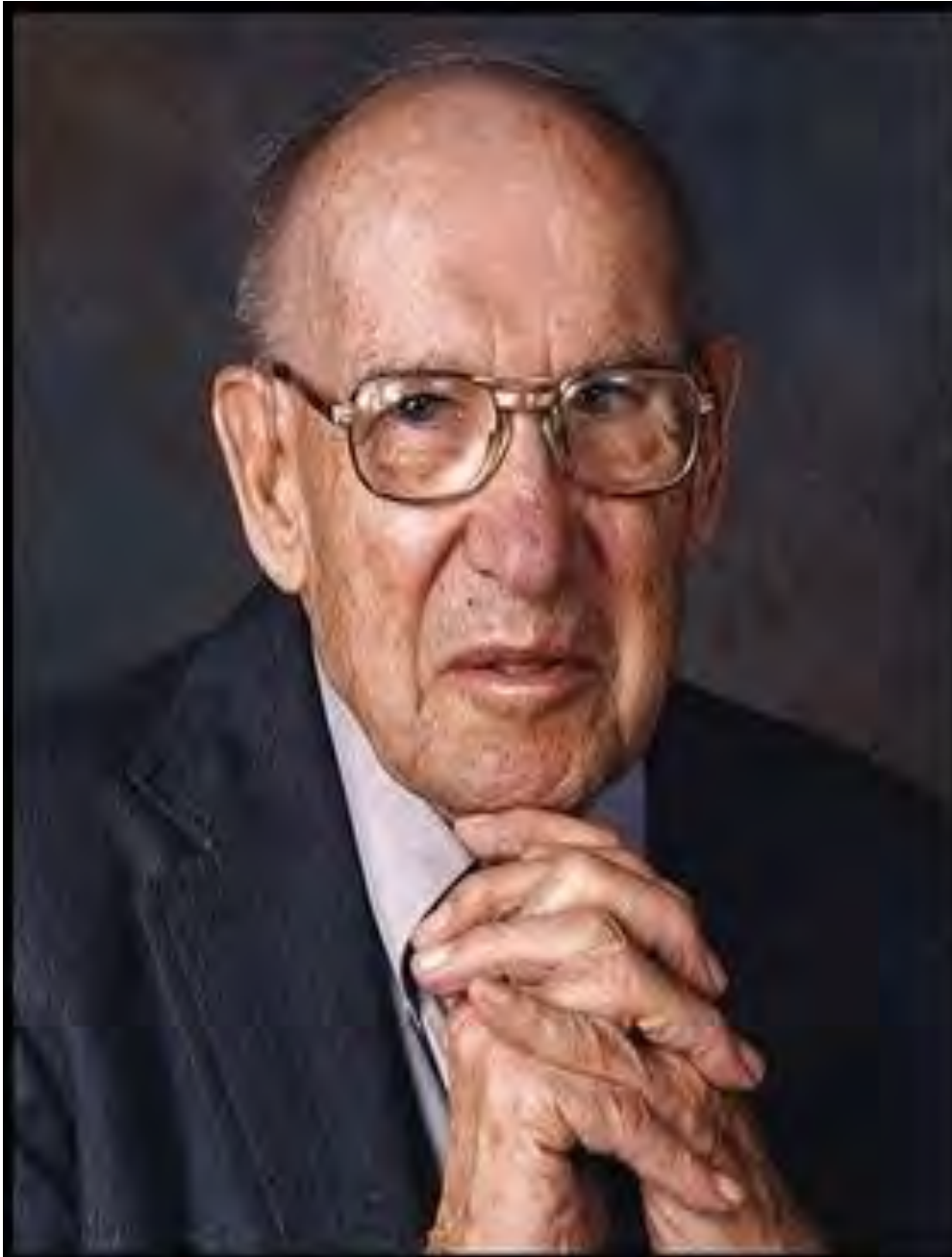
Regarding salt as fertilizer, hear the words of Jesus - Luke 14: 34

How are disciples to be productive?

Disciples must be in contact with their world

Disciples must impact their world and engage the darkness
(PRODUCTIVE!)

If disciples are not salty, they are useless - ***“throw it out”***



"The aim of marketing is to know and understand the customer so well the product or service fits him and sells itself."

Peter Drucker

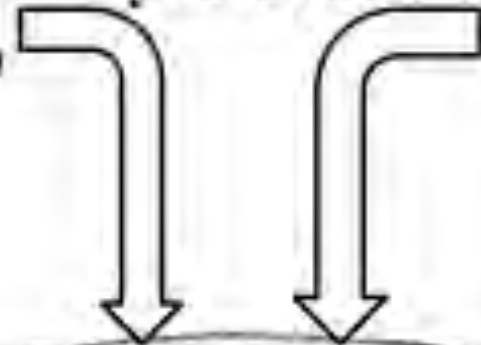
Man Made Religious Beliefs



God Given Revelation



Religious Syncretism

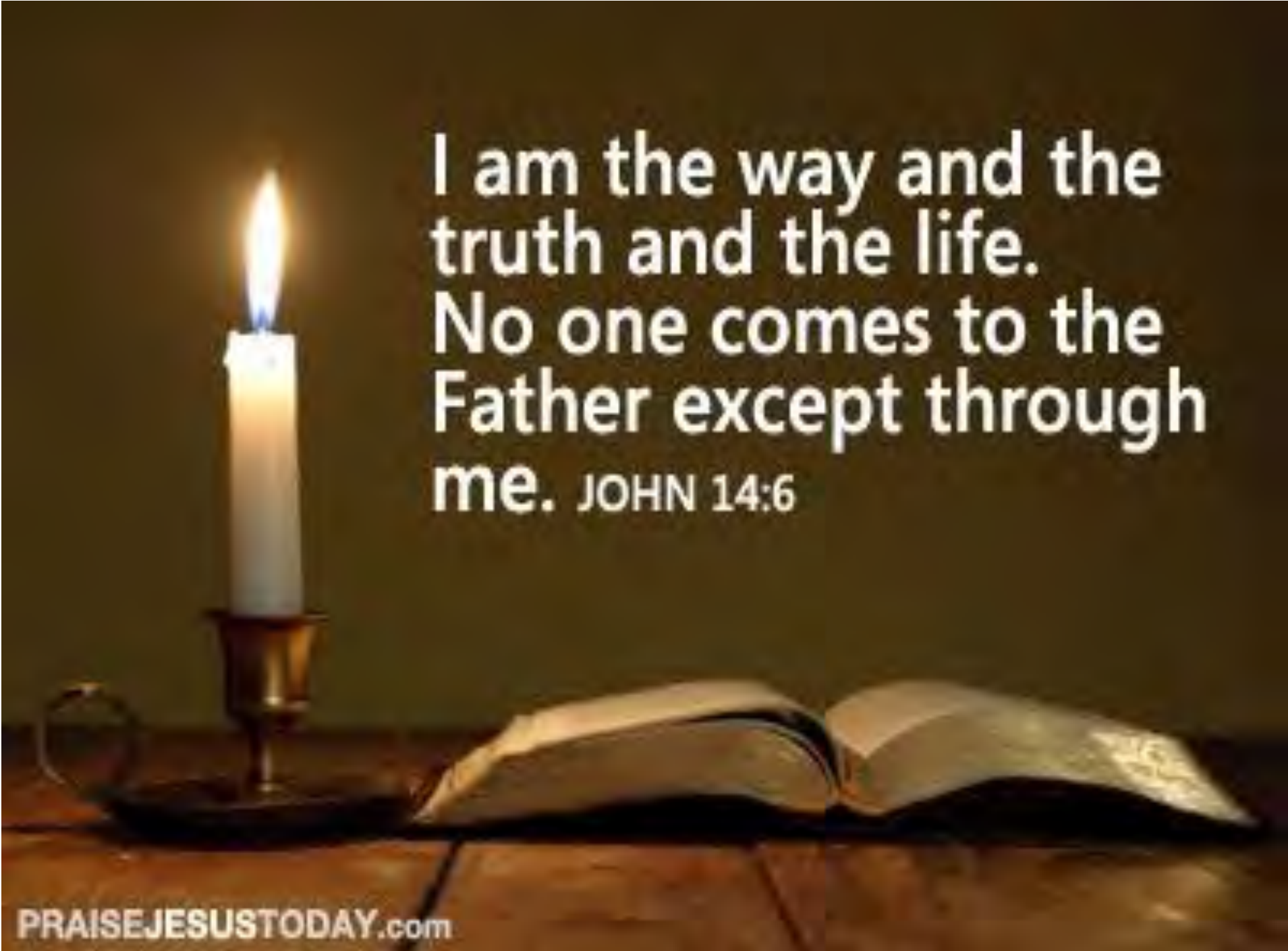


Religious syncretism is the blending of the doctrines and practices of two or more religions in order to come up with something new.

Blending Views & Practices



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A lit candle in a brass holder and an open book on a wooden surface. The candle is lit, casting a warm glow. The book is open, and the pages are visible. The background is dark, making the candle and book stand out.

I am the way and the
truth and the life.
No one comes to the
Father except through
me. JOHN 14:6

Jesus' call to saltiness is the Great Commission

- Matthew 28: 18-20

Disciples are productive, *“the salt of the earth”*, when they carry out the Great Commission

Many “*Christians*” deconstruct their faith (*fall away*)

They do not like what the Bible teaches; it doesn't fit their lifestyle

**They are like the three monkeys –
*“If I pretend really hard, it will all go away”***



**Wishing and hoping will not change
the truth**

God is real!

His Word is true!!

His ways are best!!!

**Many disciples lose their saltiness
and desert or withdraw to more
comfortable surroundings**

John 6: 60

John 6: 66

**It is very difficult to regain your
honor and respect before men
when you lose your saltiness!**

TRUTH:

God is a God of innumerable
second chances

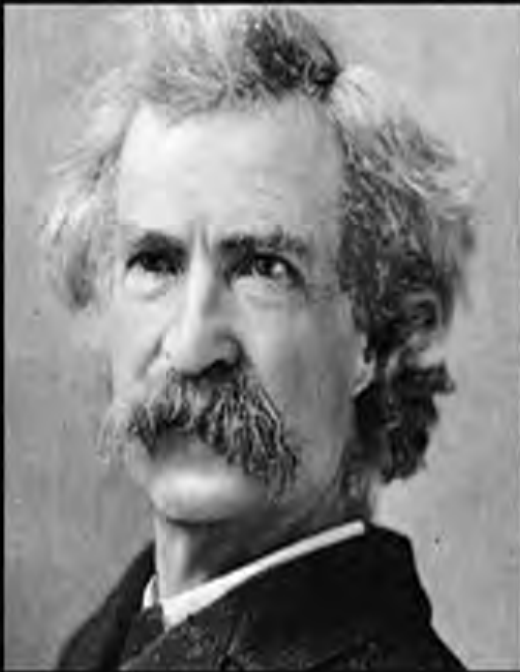
He can restore what was lost -
TRUST HIM!

Get back in the fight -
BE SALTY!

GOD CAN RESTORE YOU!!

He mercies us over and over!!

Do not be intimidated by the majority



Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect.

~ Mark Twain

**Just a few “*salty*” Christians can
impact the world!**

Salty Christian

Have no reserves . . .

No retreats . . .

No regrets!

Be all out for Christ!

BE A SALTY CHRISTIAN!

Verse 14 - 16

Light Your World

A salty life is a productive life!

Those who walk in the **Light will
have a productive life**

Do not hide your light!

YOU ARE THE

Light

OF THE WORLD. A CITY ON A HILL CANNOT BE HIDDEN.

MATTHEW 5:14



Light your world!

LIGHT IT UP!

**Don't hide your light under
a basket!**





True **light** engages the darkness

True **light** displaces the darkness

SPEAK TRUTH!!

True **light is** productive until the end

True **light** will be a thorn in Satan's side until the end





“ God is Light ” – 1 John 1: 5

**Beware of false lights,
the world, the flesh, and the devil**

***“ . . . the whole world lies under the
sway of the evil one ” – 1 John 5: 19***

***“For Satan himself transforms himself
into an angel of light” -***

2 Corinthians 11: 14

Light in the Psalms:

Psalm 18: 28

Psalm 119: 105

Psalm 119: 130

Jesus is **Light**:

John 1: 4-5

John 1: 9

Why do people reject the Light of Christ?

They love the darkness!

John 3: 19-20

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

Salt must make contact

Light must make contact

NO CONTACT >

NO PRODUCTION >

NO FERTILIZER >

NO LIGHT!!

**Your mere presence has a positive effect
in our world!**

BE SALTY! BE BRIGHT!! BE PRESENT!!

**Everything in our world is directed at
snuffing out our light and making us
saltless**

This is our time to be salty and bright!

Engage the darkness, fertilize the field!

Do not hold back,

there is too much at stake!!

SALTY CHRISTIANS WILL LIGHT
THEIR WORLD

Salty Christians

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!!

The image is a composite graphic. On the left, a single lit candle stands against a dark background, its flame bright and glowing. On the right, a lighthouse is shown from a low angle, its light shining upwards into a dark blue night sky filled with stars. The overall theme is light overcoming darkness.

“LET YOUR LIGHT
SHINE
BEFORE OTHERS, THAT
THEY MAY SEE YOUR
GOOD DEEDS AND
Glorify
YOUR FATHER
IN HEAVEN.”

LIGHT PIERCING THE DARKNESS