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LIGHT OF THE WORLD

There are many different ways to think of the word 'light.'

It's a light in the ceiling of a room or a lamp. It is an object with not much weight - as opposed to a heavyweight. It can be used to describe a faded color. It can be early morning such as 'the light of day' or daybreak.

Jesus was said to be the 'the light' of our lives. Sent us by God, to show us how to live our lives in a way that is pleasing to God.

The Bible defines light as LIFE. John 1:4 says "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men." This refers to the life that Jesus brought to us from God to a dying world. A world filled with sin and hate and negative ways of living.

John 14:6 is where Jesus said "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. Jesus tells us to love God with all our hearts, our soul, and our strength. And to love our neighbors as ourselves, even loving our enemies. Sometimes easier said than done, isn't it?

Light is a symbol of hope. It can signify salvation from the darkness of sin.

Light can mean being free from sorrow and sadness as being light-hearted. If you are light-footed, you are nimble. If you make light of something, you shrug it off as not important.

A thief is said to be light-fingered.

If you have ever been traveling and consumed way too much coffee, those big McDonald's arches that are lit up are a welcome sign, aren't they? They have easily accessible rest rooms. Whew.

I remember being home on leave when Howard was in the Air Force. I went to a neighbor's house with my mother-in-law and the woman told her husband to "make on the porch light once" as we left. Wow, I knew I was back in Wisconsin.

There are hundreds of different meanings for the word light. But the Light of the World, meaning Jesus, is of all importance.

So today, or tomorrow, or any day, if you come upon a difficult situation in your life, put Jesus in your thought and remember that He is your Guiding Light. He is the one that God sent to us to help carry our load.

You are never alone! You will always have Jesus.