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REMINDERS OF THE GOODNESS OF GOD



ROMANS

— a new family of faith in the age of empire —



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Grief as being lost in the wilderness.



1 JOHN 1:5-7

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

1 JOHN 1:5-7

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

EPHESIANS 5:8

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.

PSALM 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and
a light to my path.

If you feel lost in the wilderness, walk in the light.

A person is seen from behind, sitting on a snowy ledge and looking out through a window at a vast, calm ocean under a cloudy sky. The person is wearing a dark jacket and a cap. The window frame is dark, and the scene outside is bright and somewhat overcast. The overall mood is contemplative and somber.

Grief as being wounded and broken.

ISAIAH 9:2

The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.

JOHN 1:4-5

In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

PSALM 139:7-12

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

PSALM 139:7-12

If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

PSALM 139:7-12

If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,” even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

If you feel lost in the wilderness, walk in the light.

If you feel wounded and broken, hold the light.

Grief as being burdened and exhausted.



ISAIAH 58:8-9

Then your light will break forth like the dawn,
and your healing will quickly appear; then
your righteousness will go before you, and the
glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. Then
you will call, and the Lord will answer; you
will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

MATTHEW 11:28-30

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

If you feel lost in the wilderness, walk in the light.

If you feel wounded and broken, hold the light.

If you feel burdened and exhausted, carry the light.

Crisis as a decision point with no good options.



DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20 —————

See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20 —————

But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20 —————

This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:5 —————

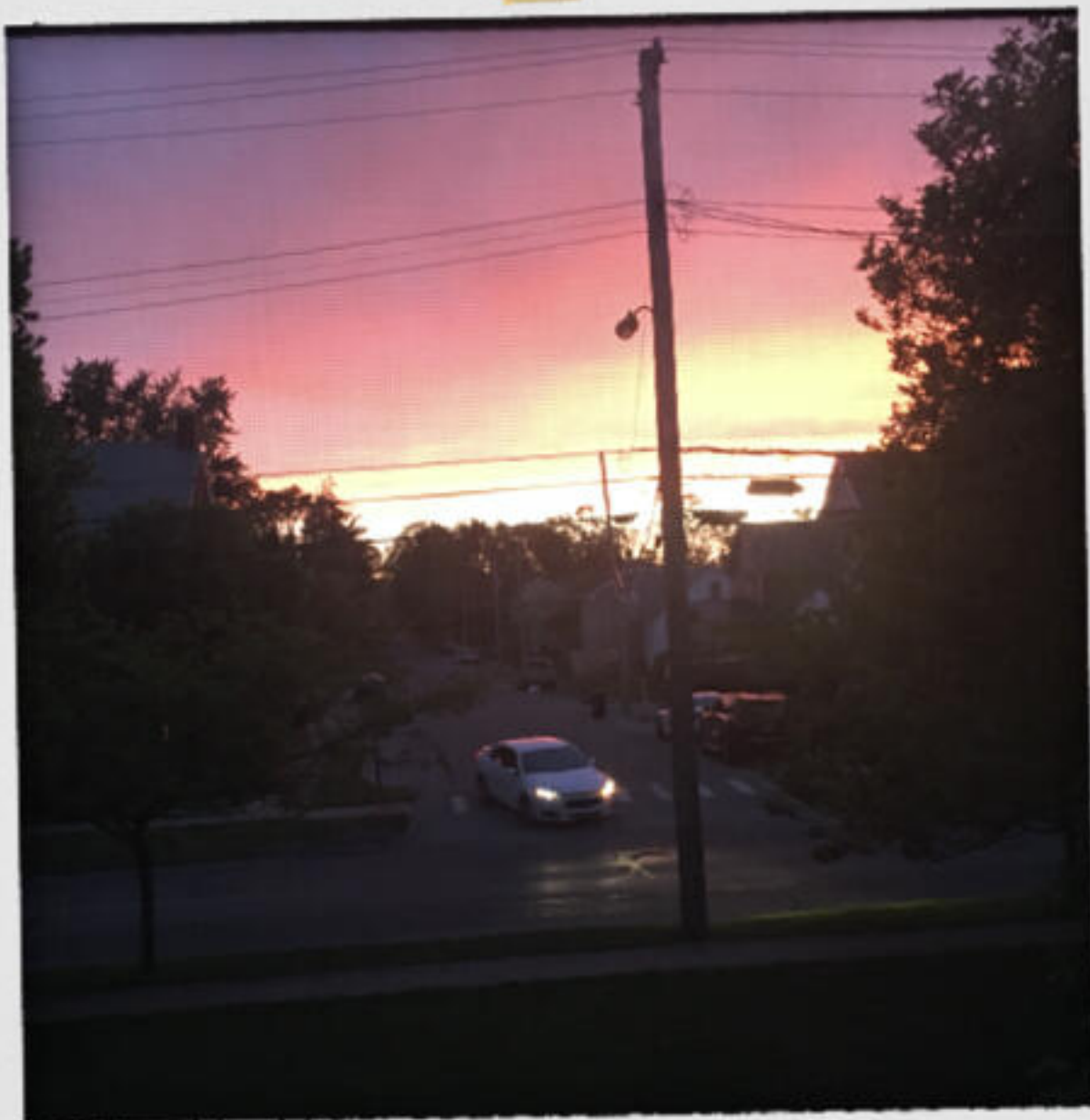
For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness.

If you feel lost in the wilderness, walk in the light.

If you feel wounded and broken, hold the light.

If you feel burdened and exhausted, carry the light.

If there are no good options, choose the light.



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