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INTO THE LIGHT

Just about every February, if you are like I am, you are looking for a little more sunshine, a little more light. Our winters these past few years have been a little dreary, and this winter has been no exception.

Our verse for this month; John 8:12 speaks of light although it is a different kind of light. It reads: 'Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world, he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life."' This light that Jesus speaks of is not the light we crave at the end of winter, but is an all encompassing light that illuminates body, soul and spirit. How great is that! Our world is full of darkness, and this darkness is seen in the events filling our news and lives: untruths spoken, deception, tragedies and fear. These are all part of the darkness that is becoming more and more prevalent in this age. Wars and the rumor of war, attacks on our Law Enforcement communities and treachery in high places. Jesus' light is a

light that penetrates darkness, dispelling the fear and depression that comes with this darkness. It is a light that brings joy, peace and hope. Even as February brings a hope for spring the light that Jesus bring gives hope for a better life and a better world.

Revelation 21:5-7 says this: 'And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold I am making all things new." And He said, "Write for these words are faithful and true." Then He said to me, "It is done. "I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of water of life without cost. "he who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son." These things were spoken to the Apostle John by revelation. These words give great hope for God's purpose for the future of this world and for those of us who thirst for a better life and future.

Our God is a God of hope! This God desires to have a relationship with us whom He has created. This relationship is through His Blessed Son Jesus Christ. Jesus Himself said in John 14:6: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father but through Me." This contrasts with the darkness we desire to leave behind. Just as we long for the light of spring, we long for the light of His truth in our hearts.

Jesus is recorded as saying in John 8:32: "and you will know the truth and the truth will make you free." The darkness says there is no truth, but the light says He, Jesus Christ, is the truth and His truth will make you free. As the light of spring approaches may we move freely into the eternal Light of God's Hope for us. May you all have a bright February!

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