

December 6 – Second Sunday of Advent

Matthew 5:14-16 (CEB)

You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden.¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house.¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.

Be Someone's Light

I love lighthouses. I climbed to the top of a lighthouse in the Bahamas a few years ago. It was hard climbing up the tiny steps to get to the top, but it was well worth it because the view was breathtaking. When we got to the top, I thought about how lighthouses help guide vessels into and out of harbors, and how relieving it must be to see that light when you are in a dark, rocky sea and can't find your way.

2020 has been an interesting year to say the least. COVID-19 moved into America like a heavy fog rolling into a harbor. It has caused a lot of unrest, anxiety, and darkness. I personally have had a tough battle with anxiety, and other health issues. I got COVID-19 and so did ten of my closest friends. I fortunately had a mild case, but almost lost a friend and family member to the virus. During these rough seas, my church family has been a bright light guiding me in the right direction. On some of my darkest days, a card would show up in my mailbox, or I would get an encouraging text from someone to let me know they were praying for me. The prayers, cards, oils, food, help with finding doctors, all reminded me of how much God loves me. God showed up for me through others like a light shining from a lighthouse guiding me to safety.

This Advent season I am reminded to be a light to others. Who knows when that card, phone call, or text will be just the light someone needs to guide them out of the darkness.

~ Patti Earnhardt



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