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come in today, come in to stay; come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

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shine out today, shine out always; shine out of my heart Lord Jesus.

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2 Corinthians 4:6 *“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”*  
Modern English Version<sup>1</sup>

John 1:4-8 *“Everything was created through Him; nothing – not one thing! – came into being without Him. What came into existence was Life, and the Life was light to live by. The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness; the darkness couldn’t put it out.”* The Message<sup>2</sup>

What does the phrase *“the Life was light to live by”* mean to you?

How can you invite Jesus, *“the Life-Light”*, into your heart? What words would you use?  
What steps can you take?

If you’ve already invited Jesus into your heart, take some time to look at your relationship. Is it active, is it strong? If not, what steps might you take to strengthen it?  
How might your life be different if the Life-Light is active in your heart? How might that help to keep the darkness at bay?

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Matthew 5:15-16 *“No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”*  
New Living Translation<sup>3</sup>

2 Corinthians 3:3 “Your very lives are a letter that anyone can read by just looking at you. Christ Himself wrote it – not with ink but with God’s living Spirit; not chiseled into stone, but carved into human lives – and we publish it.” The Message<sup>2</sup>

Why do you think Jesus needed to remind the people that their light shouldn’t be hidden under a basket? Do you need that reminder? Why? Think of the people you know; do any of them let the light of Jesus shine out of their heart? Describe what that’s like. Are you willing to let Jesus shine out of your heart, your life? How can “God’s living Spirit” help you?

As we move into the new year, take some time to pray the words from this song:

“Come into my heart Lord Jesus;  
Shine out of my heart Lord Jesus.”

Do this as often as you can. Pay attention to how the words make you feel. If you sense any hesitation or concerns, offer them to God, and ask the Holy Spirit to help you work through them.

After a few weeks, check back in with yourself. Do you feel any different? Has Jesus come into your heart? Or if he was already there, has the connection deepened? Do you feel it’s easier for Jesus to shine out of your heart? In what ways? How does that make you feel? Is this something you can continue to allow Jesus to do through you? Why do you feel that way? Talk it over with God – the good and the bad...

*“I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope He has given to those He called – His holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.”*

Ephesians 1:18 New Living Translation<sup>3</sup>

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