

“LIFE THROUGH THE LENS”



A CANDLE IN THE DARK

It is better to light a single candle than to curse the darkness."

Sitting around moaning; complaining; about bad times; sad times, only achieves greater despair and feelings of helplessness.

Today, the light from a mobile phone is probably brighter than a candle, yet people still have a candle somewhere in case of a power failure. A candle brings light, but also calmness; feelings of well-being: a sense of “things are not as bad as they look” when all we see is darkness.

Sadly, many in our society may not even have a candle (figuratively speaking) to bring some light into their lives; they may be so beaten down by circumstances that all they can see is darkness; all around; all the time.

We may not own a lighthouse; but we all carry at least one “candle”: a kind word; a hand on the shoulder; a time to sit and listen; a word of encouragement; an “I know how you feel” smile toward the harried mother in the supermarket aisle.

For those who believe Him, Jesus taught “I am the light of the world and you can plug into my power” His care; His concern; His love; his gift of making things right between you and God; you and others can never be blown out, never goes flat; can shine into the darkest of places. He also taught “Don’t hide your light under a bucket.”

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Cheers,

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