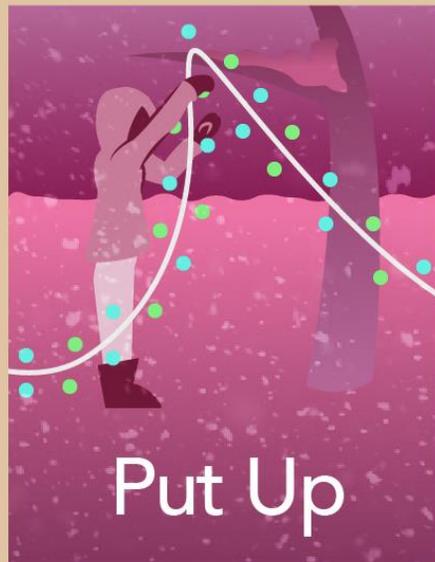
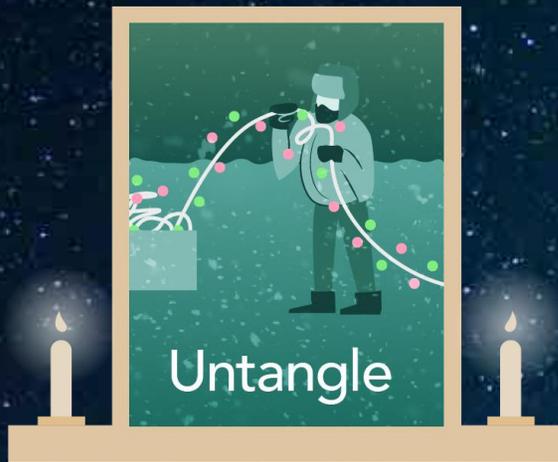


Christmas Lights

15 DAY BIBLE READING PLAN





Untangle the Light

– light shined in the darkness, darkness could not overcome it (John 1:1-5, 9-10, 14)

There is plenty of darkness in this world. Our circumstances, our relationships, and even within ourselves testify that darkness is present. Romans 8:19ff says that the whole world has been groaning with intense pain from the bondage of corruption that was set forth when mankind brought sin into the world through their disobedience with God (Genesis 3). At that moment, the world was suddenly engulfed in darkness and humanity has been sitting in that darkness, even loving the darkness (John 3:19). It's only when Jesus Christ appeared on earth that there was a light strong enough to break the darkness. Jesus brought true hope and true cheer. The angels came praising Him and we should too. Even though the darkness was great, it was not able to overcome the light of Christ. His light continues to untangle the darkness, even to expose and unravel *your* own darkness. This week, meditate on the greatness of God's light.

Day 1: John 1:1-5, 9 – 10, 14 (Jesus is the True Light that came into the world)

Day 2: Isaiah 9:1-7; 1 John 2:8 (The True Light is shining. Rejoice).

Day 3: 1 John 1:5-7; John 8:12-19 (God is Light. Believe in the Light. Live in the Light).

Day 4: Isaiah 42:16; Luke 1:67-79 (More benefits of the True Light).

Day 5: 2 Peter 1:16-19; Isaiah 60:1-5 (His majestic Light is something to get excited about)



Put Up the Light

– He was not the Light, but testified about the True Light (John 1:6-8, 15, 19-23)

The light of Jesus was and still is an amazing thing. God continues to break through the darkness every day. But it's not just about sitting back and watching the light show. Since Jesus Christ is not personally walking around the earth today, the world gets to see the light because we testify about that Light. Just as John the Baptist came to announce the Light, we are called to give evidence of that True Light. If we are children of God (accept His salvation and follow Him), it matters how we live. We can't just let God untangle our darkness and then leave our lights in storage. It's time to take our light and put it up. And yes, it takes work. This week, think on what you need to do to give evidence to the Light of God in you.

Day 1: John 1:6-8, 15, 19-23; Romans 13:11-14 (Our role and work of testifying of the True Light)

Day 2: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-8; 2 Corinthians 4:6-9 (Don't be afraid like those in darkness)

Day 3: Philippians 2:12-15; Ephesians 5:7-16 (Appear as lights to the world by how you live).

Day 4: Matthew 6:19-24; 1 John 2:8-11 (The strength of your light is based on your walk)

Day 5: Matthew 5:14-16; Proverbs 4:18-27 (Make your light brighter and brighter)



Plug-in the Light

– receive the light and then let your light shine. (John 1:11-13)

Even though the Light of Jesus broke through the darkness and even though the darkness couldn't overcome His Light, it didn't mean that the darkness didn't push back. Not everyone welcomed the Light. Not everyone received the Light. People still reject the Light today. For the light to work within your darkness, you must accept the Light or "plug it in." How do you do that? You "plug-in" the Light by admitting you are a sinner living in darkness and in need of a Light. You "plug-in" the Light by believing that Jesus Christ is that True Light who died for the forgiveness of sins. You "plug-in" the Light by repenting of your sins and confessing your acceptance of His gift of forgiveness (Romans 10:9-10). The moment that happens, you are a child of God and His Light shines in your heart, soul, mind, and spirit. And then you are invited to share that light with others. This week, consider whether you need to "plug-in" the Light for the first time or how you can help others understand their need to plug it in.

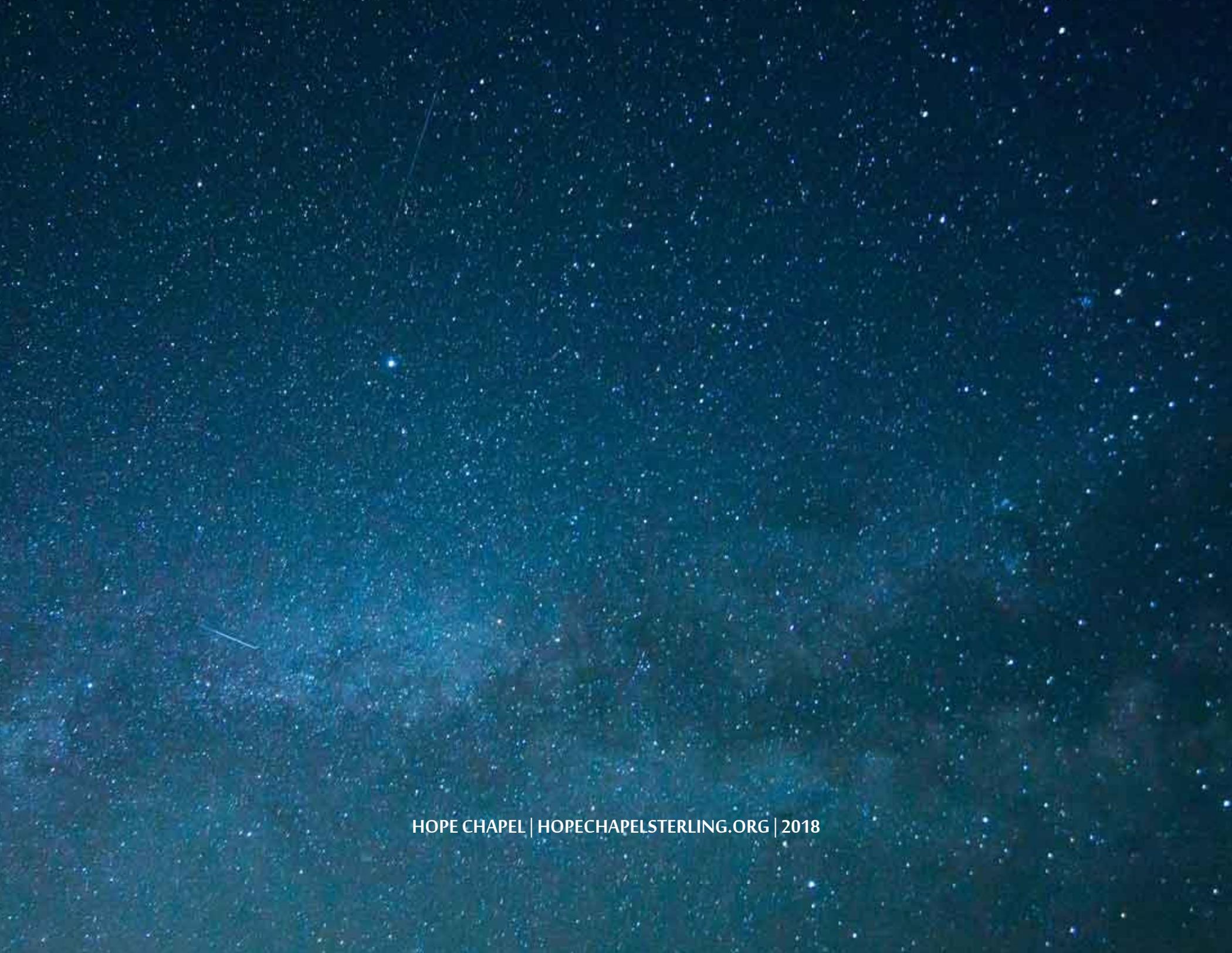
Day 1: John 1:11-13; Isaiah 53:1-12 (Not all want to receive the Light)

Day 2: 1 John 5:1-13; Romans 8:1-16 (Confidence of salvation for those who accept)

Day 3: John 7:38; 1 Thessalonians 1:2 – 2:1 (The expanse of the Light)

Day 4: Matthew 9:35-38; Romans 10:13-17 (The need to share the Light)

Day 5: Isaiah 55:1-13; 2 Timothy 1:8-14 (The call and confidence of sharing the Light)



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