



JLH Women's Saturday Devotions

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Let It Shine, Let It Shine, Let It Shine...

Monday evening I walked into my office, sat at the desk and began to intercede as I've done for the past thirteen years for women and children as well as my own, I'm so Grateful for his love and compassion towards us. I was burdened over a homeless young woman and her children my Pastor's wife and I met. After prayer, I lifted my head and noticed the lampshade on my desk was shattered and slid off to the base of the lamp. This lamp was a piece I bought when the Lord called me into ministry and hoped it wasn't ruined. When I removed the shattered pieces from around the lamp base it lit up. I touched a second time and it was brighter but when I touched the third time it illuminated the room so beautifully as though the Shekinah Glory came in filling the place. I put my head back down amazed at something so simple as a lampshade, how much light fills the room without it. I heard the Lord speak into my spirit **"Let It Shine."** I began to weep "YES LORD." Thank God for his tender mercy and keeping the ministry, I would not have made it without Him. He's letting me know it's time to "destroy the lampshade" Fear Not and Let Him Shine! **Matthew 5:14-16** *Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

I began to meditate how the lampshade came into existence. (Wikipedia) Lampshades are fixtures that covers the lightbulb on a lamp to diffuse the light it emits. In the late 17th-century in Paris the first public lanterns made their appearance in the centre of the streets. They lit the road during the night....

Our light suppose to shine rather we're inside or on the streets, not only in our churches but where ever we are Let Him Shine. The next day I was attacked with sickness and although I was down I still called on the Name of Jesus and I know GREATER is inside of me-**1 John 4:4** **Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.** Ladies, do not let the enemy discourage or distract you from doing the Will of the Lord...it's time to Remove the lampshade and Let Your Light Shine in dark places. When I was called into Women's ministry, "trust and believe" it was **NOT** a choice of mine. I just wanted to give my life to the Lord and go to heaven. I didn't understand there was kingdom work to be done and why God called me into a ministry I knew **NOTHING** about. First of all, I was a Tom-Boy, I have six brothers, the only girl, the eldest of them all and had to wrestle with them repeatedly. How does this equal to Women's Ministry? Our thoughts could never be His Thoughts and before any of us was born the Lord had a purpose and plan. **Isaiah 55:8-9 (AMP)** *"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," declares the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts higher than your thoughts.—Jeremiah 29:11 (AMP)* *For I know the plans and thoughts that I have for you,' says the Lord, 'plans for peace and well-being and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. —1John 1:5-6* **God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth."**

If there's no light shining from our lives, it can only be two reasons: **Read Romans 8:9 and Luke 9:26** having no relationship with Jesus Christ or we're not honoring Him. God will not call us into ministry to make us fail but to glorify Him, ministry does not happen over night and will require a lot of work. You will be attacked, hated and frustrated for His Name sake. Is it fearful at times YES...when the Angel of the Lord called Gideon to ministry he said FEAR NOT apparently Gideon was afraid but Gideon let the the light shine—Do not be afraid it's a distraction **2 Timothy 1:7 (AMP)** **For God did not give us a spirit of timidity or cowardice or fear, but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of sound judgment and personal discipline [abilities that result in a calm, well-balanced mind and self-control].**

Over the years I've learned to walk with patience and enjoy the opportunities to teach women from all over the world, different cultures, backgrounds, religions about Jesus Christ how much He LOVES us! LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!! Be encouraged!

2Peter 1:19 *So we have the prophetic word made more certain. You do well to pay [close] attention to it as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and light breaks through the gloom and the [c]morning star arises in your hearts.*