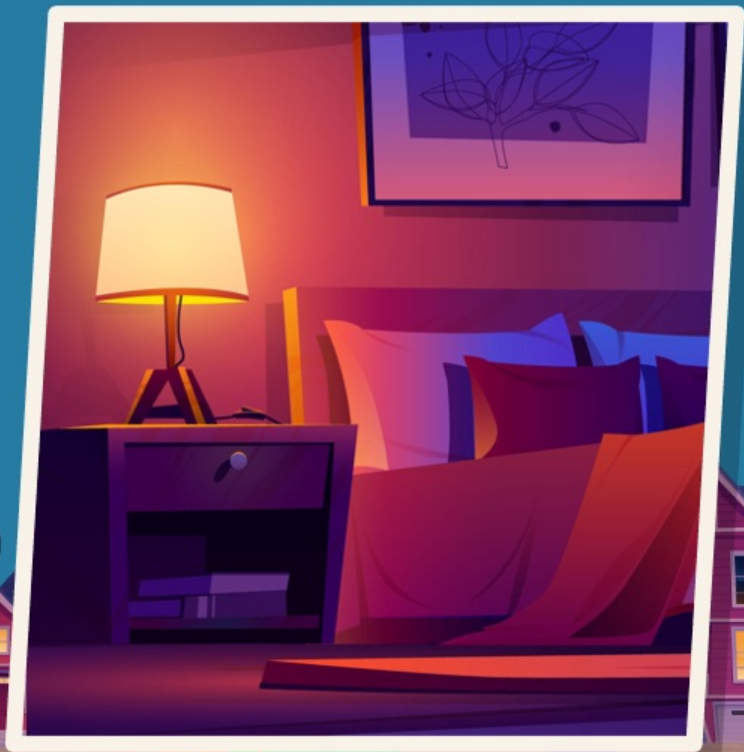


# Family Ties









“We’ll leave the  
light on for you.”





# John 8:12 NLT


<sup>12</sup>Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”





# 1 John 1:5-6 NLT


<sup>5</sup>This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. <sup>6</sup>So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth.





# Matthew 5:14-16 NLT

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”



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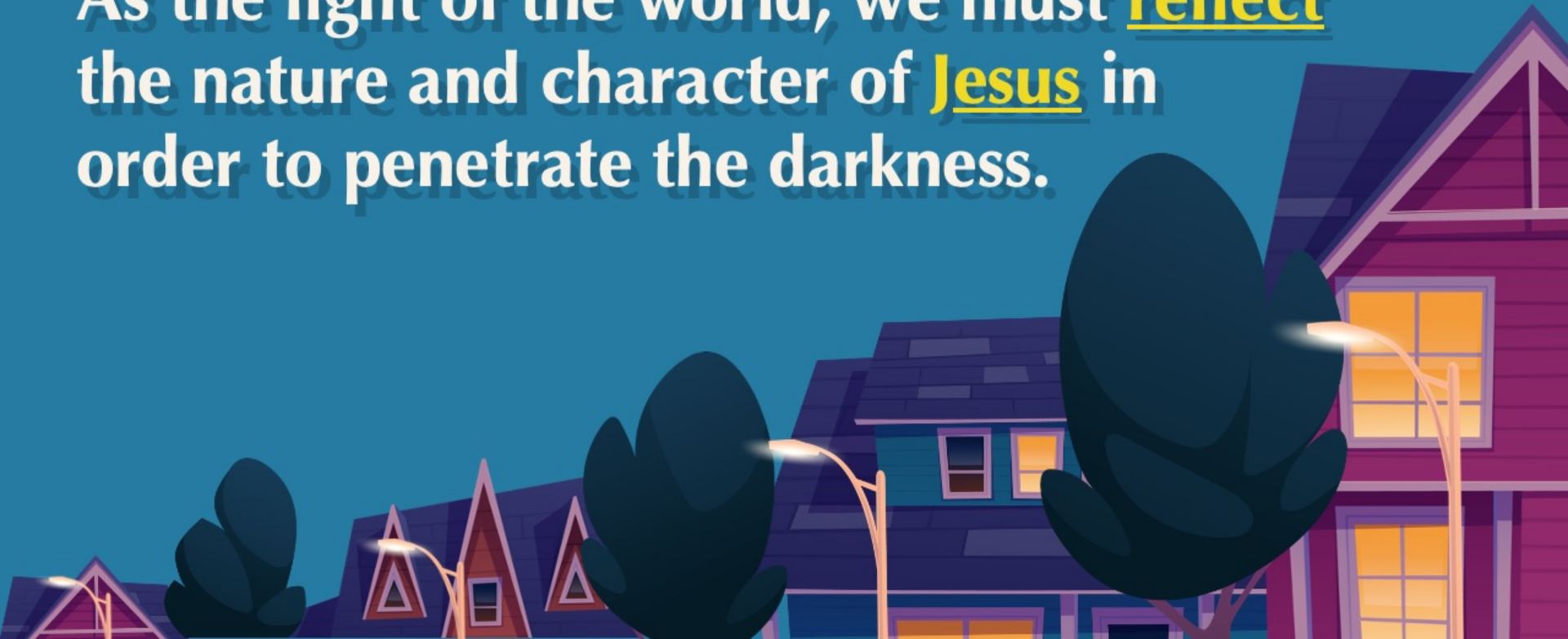
## Genesis 1:2-3 NLT

<sup>2</sup>The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness.



As the light of the world, we must reflect  
the nature and character of Jesus in  
order to penetrate the darkness.



The background features a stylized illustration of houses at night. On the left, a large blue house with a gabled roof has several windows glowing with a warm yellow light. To the right, a smaller red house with three gabled dormer windows is visible, with one window also glowing. A street lamp on the far right is lit, casting a soft glow. The sky is a deep, dark blue.

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☛ Light attracts the  
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A stylized illustration of a blue house with yellow windows and a street lamp at night. The house has a gabled roof and a porch. The street lamp is on the right side of the image. The background is a dark blue gradient.

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## Isaiah 60:1-3 NIV

<sup>1</sup> “Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

<sup>2</sup> See, darkness covers the earth  
and thick darkness is over the peoples,  
but the Lord rises upon you  
and his glory appears over you.

<sup>3</sup> Nations will come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.”

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We understand we have a service to perform

*arise, shine*



# Why We Must Keep Our Lights On

☞ Light draws  
the “one”



A stylized illustration of a house at night. The house is dark blue with a dark roof. One window on the second floor is brightly lit with a warm yellow light. To the right of the house, a street lamp is lit, casting a glow. The background is a solid dark blue color.

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## Luke 15:1-7 NLT

<sup>1</sup>Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. <sup>2</sup>This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!

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## Luke 15:1-7 NLT

<sup>3</sup>So Jesus told them this story: <sup>4</sup>“If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won’t he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders.

<sup>6</sup>When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup>In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven’t strayed away!”

Jesus is calling us to leave the light  
on for others so they can be found.  
Even if it is just for "one".

