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May the light of Jesus distinguish you as never before

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## *Hi Partners and Friends*

*We desire that you be filled with a deeper revelation of God's love for you this Christmas Season. And that the Blessing of God operating in your life would shine bright, declaring that our God is good and Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever.*

*We love you & God Bless*  
***Jeff & Audrey***



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# 2013

## Itinerary

Feb 13-14	Canada Word of Faith Bible Training Centre	Red Deer, AB
Mar 4-7	CWOFBTC	Red Deer, AB

# To Shine



I have just finished teaching a 12 hour course on holiness and one of the meanings of sanctification or holiness is to *shine*. We also are in a season where it gets darker sooner and with the Christmas season upon us there are a lot of lights shining in that darkness. Have you ever noticed how those lights always catch and draw people's attention? People enjoy looking at the colourful, uniquely designed and arranged lights on houses, yards and parks and commercial buildings. How much more are we to *shine* the goodness of our God everywhere we are - drawing people to Him.

We are instructed in Isaiah 60 verse 1 to "Arise and shine because our Light has come." In Hebrew the word *arise* has the meaning of "first things first, get to a higher level." We are to get to a higher level so we are equipped and ready to shine. Getting to a higher level demands vital union with our God in intimate fellowship. The only way we can shine bright is to draw nearer to the light Himself. I remember the story that a friend of mine tells about a large King Arthur type sword. It is large, cold, heavy and sharp and can with either of its edges cut through many things. But you take that sword and place its blade in the fire till it is glowing orange and you can burn or melt through many things just using the flat blade. The point is the blade is not the fire but the longer it hung out in the fire the more of the fire's nature it took on or absorbed. The more we draw near and hang out in God's presence the more of His light we are able to shine and reflect to those around us. We can see in Rev. 21:22-24 that God is our light:

*But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.*

We are instructed in Matt 5:14-16 to let our light shine before men both in the world and at home. We are to live a Godly, holy life both at home and out in the world. In Daniel 12:3 we are told

*Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.*

It is a must for us to enjoy more time in intimate fellowship with the Lord - just like the sword in the fire - so we can increase our capacity for more of His glory to shine and manifest through us at home and in the world.

Living a holy life is not about what we are not supposed to be doing but it's about our always doing that which pleases the Father. Shining to bring glory to God as Jesus said in Matt 5:16.

There is a reason, a purpose, a *Cause* for us to shine. It is so all the earth may know that we serve the living, good God and so that the Body of Christ is reminded that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever.

The word translated *glory* in the bible can also be translated - *heavy with everything good, splendour, riches, wealth, abundance and honor*. You see just as God's glory is the light that shines in the heavenly city so it is that His glory shines through us. As we increase in His glory we reveal His goodness to those around us. As we are filled with more of His splendour and presence we catch and draw people's attention to Him. We are to allow God to increase us in riches, wealth, abundance and honor so we can shine real bright for Him and fulfil the *Cause*. Our living healed, joyful, peaceful lives of love and faith shines His goodness and awesomeness to a dark and hungry world looking for what we have.

Let's choose to shine brighter for God everywhere we are by first drawing closer to Him.

# *Audrey's Faith Tidbit*

Matthew 12:37 NKJV "For by your **words** you will be justified, and by your **words** you will be condemned."

God has given mankind the ability to speak **words**. He has also told us what will happen with the words we speak. In the scripture above Jesus told us we would be either be made right / not guilty or we would be found guilty / judged according to what we have spoken. This is a spiritual law whether we know it or not.

The great news is we have a choice every time we speak. It takes a lot of work to watch what you say but once you start to be consistent you will see the good results you want. If you will be disciplined about speaking words of life you will see your health increase, your finances increase, the blessing working in your life. You will see the favor of God doing things for you that nothing or no one else can do for you.

During the past year I had a project horse that I was working on in order to either sell or sow into someone to be a blessing to them. I had set a time limit of one year max that I was willing to work on her. I started my search months ahead of that time frame as I know it can take time to find the right person. I really was specific about the type of rider I was looking for as this horse needed someone who was quite experienced. Then she started coming up lame with an abscess in her foot. Then it seemed to be gone and everything seemed fine until someone came to look at her and she was lame again when they showed up. Time was starting to look short as I really wanted her gone by the end of September.

My husband and I refused to speak words of fear, doubt, lameness or lack of provision. We believed we received our provision for a good home for her and we refused to let these circumstances circumvent the plan. She was sound again and the Lord provided someone who really wanted her ten days before the end of September. Then she came up lame again just a few days before she was to be picked up. Again we kept speaking words of life and healing for her and of course doing all I could to get the infection out. The new owner still wanted to take her and they picked her up on the last day of September. On the way to her new home that abscess finally completely popped and the horse hasn't had one lame step since.

The power of watching our words and sticking to our confession even when things aren't going right or according to plan is how we win the victory. If we had just agreed with the negative circumstances we would have lost the fight.

Now we have the joy of victory knowing God was able to provide the best answer in this situation because we gave Him words of faith to work with.



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