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John 1:9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

John 8:12 "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

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Ephesians 5:8 For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light!

2 Corinthians 4:1 Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart.

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WHAT IS MINISTRY

The Greek word diakonia meaning "service."

Includes:

- Waiting tables (Acts 6:1)
- Caring for the poor (2 Corinthians 9:9-12)
- Proclaiming the gospel (Acts 20:24).

"Definition: The faithful service of God's people rendered unto God and others on His behalf to bring Him glory, build up His church, and reach out to His world."

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2 Corinthians 5:18-19 (God) gave us the ministry of reconciliation ... And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

3:5 Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. ⁶ He has made us competent as ministers ...

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4:2 Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.

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⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Acts 20:26 I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of any of you. ²⁷ For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God.

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⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"[a] made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.