

# \*THE SUN SHINE\*

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## SUNRISE MINISTRIES

Encouragement and hope  
with God's word !

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## A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

Jesus said, "You are the world's seasoning, to make it more tolerable." Matthew 5:13 LB . You are the world's light, a city on a hill, glowing in the night for all to see.  
Matthew 5:14 LB

There are many chances that we have to minister the word of God, to others in this life. In searching to find ways to more effectively reach people without offending them or scaring/running them off. God has opened a endless avenues of approach for us. "When I am with those whose consciences bother them easily, I don't act as though I know it all and don't say they are foolish; the result is that they are willing to let me help them. Yes, whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him."  
1 Corinthians 9:22 LB When I talk to someone, that I do not know very well, I don't usually tell them that I am a Christian right away. It is better if I ask them some questions or bring up some subject that it might appear that they have some interest in. Once I have established an honest rapport (a common ground) with the person, they will open up and that is when I can start to feed them. I will mention some positive or encouraging biblical truth to them and not tell them it is from the bible. Ex. "When a man is gloomy, everything seems to go wrong; when he is cheerful, everything seems right."

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I tell them that if they will apply this principle to their lives, it will be like yeast in bread and effect every area of their lives. They are amazed how truth effects their life and after a while want to know what they are eating. That is when I show them the label on the can (Bible, high in vitamin C-hrist.)

Let me use you as an example, suppose you haven't eaten any food for a month. I say, my family has a big Sunday dinner every Sunday, there will be lots of people and lots of food why don't you come along with me and join us. When we get there, you come into the house, there is a big room with a big table full of food. With a crowd of people eating. I pull up a chair, and start to eat. You can smell the food, I pick up a piece of chicken and take a bite, I pick up a piece and hand it to you. How much begging or convincing do you think I will have to do to get you to eat? The truth is that there are many starving people out in the world starving for truth, but it has to be offered to them in love, joy and peace.

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There is a table and a big family meal being prepared at the Lord's table. (Luke 22:30) We have to find a way to reach them, for they have already been invited in. People who are lost are not going to be one over by us attacking them. People who are hurt, whether they are a Christian or not are not going to be ministered to if we condemn them. We need to be a light in their darkness.

Let's look at what God has to say about it through the apostle, Paul. "But thanks be to God! For through what Christ has done, he has triumphed over us so that now wherever we go he uses us to tell others about the Lord and to spread the Gospel like a sweet perfume. As far as God is concerned there is a sweet fragrance in our lives. It is the fragrance of Christ within us, an aroma to both the saved and the unsaved all around us. To those who are not being saved, we seem a fearful smell of death and doom, while to those who know Christ, we are a life-giving perfume.

2 Corinthians 2:14 to 16 LB

I would like to paraphrase, a Breath Of Fresh Air.

P.J. Campise

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## Scripture illumination

"Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad." Proverbs 12:25 KJV

"Anxious hearts are very heavy but a word of encouragement does wonders." Proverbs 12:25 LB

"Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down, but an encouraging word makes it glad." Proverbs 12:25 AB

"Worry is a heavy burden, but a kind word always brings cheer." Proverbs 12:25 CEV

"An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up." Proverbs 12:25 NIV

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## **PUZZLED**

Our lives are one big puzzle,  
and it's never complete until we get  
all the pieces in. There's one piece in  
our puzzles missing, that causes a big  
empty place in our puzzle of life.

We try all the pieces,

sex,

drugs,

rock and roll,

success,

husbands & wives,

children,

popularity,

doing good deeds,

even religious stuff,

and none of the pieces fit.

It's because the piece that is missing,

is the peace of our Lord

Jesus Christ.

The peace that passeth

all understanding.

"And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall  
keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:7 KJV

**Buddy Nelson Prison Ministry**

## FOOD FOR POSITIVE THINKING HIGH IN VITAMIN C-HRIST

Quick solutions may bring pain after a short season; God's slow but steady solutions are sure to bring the greatest results and promise.

If your heart's, right God will change it.

Your faith needs to be based on the truth.

Having joy in the Lord and putting him first, does not mean that you will not have thoughts or feelings. It means that God is more important, they both exist, yet he is higher.

Asking for God's counsel (seek it) it activates God,s word and causes his provisions to manifest.

God has solutions and answers for anything we come up against and has the power to do it, the wisdom and the power.

Temptation from the things of God is a tactical maneuver to stop you when you have a lock-in on the blessings of God.

There is no joy in turning back into failure or pain. There is peace ahead of you in your life through trusting in Jesus.



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## LIGHT, IN THE SON SHINE

Joseph, the son of Jacob, the one that his brothers sold into slavery, the one who went to prison because he would not sleep with Potiphar's wife. (she accused him of trying to rape her), who God later raised to the second most powerful man in Egypt. Had two sons with the wife Pharaoh gave him. Their names were Manasseh and Ephraim. Manasseh (meaning "Made to forget"-- what he meant was that God had made up to him for all the anguish of his youth and for the loss of his father's home.) Ephraim (meaning "Fruitful"--"For God has made me fruitful in this land of my slavery," he said).

Genesis 41:51 & 52 LB

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## HEADS OR TAILS

Just as a coin has two sides, so does our walk with Christ. One side of the coin is legalism, the other side is grace.

A coin with only one side can't be spent, makes no purchases, blesses no one's life, brings no dividends.

There are two sides to our Christian walk.

There's the suffering and the joy.

How does one separate the sides of the coin?

It can't be done.

Yes, theres two sides, if one flips the coin it is possible that either side will be the side that ends up.

But we need to do more than just flip the coin.

We need to turn the coin over.

We need to turn up the side of the joy and the peace.

We need to turn up the good things that God has done in

Christ. We need to shine with the good things and not with the suffering. Sure there will be suffering. Sure there

will be problems. Jesus said that would be so. We need to shine in the good things that he paid for. We need to be a

part of that joy and peace. It's love that turns the coin.

It's the love of God that enables us to flip it over to the head side. After all, the bible says that we are to be the

head and not the tail. God has been so generous with his love, Jesus was so generous with his love, and his life.

So we need to be generous with ours. We need to spend that coin, that love. We need to spend the fact that he is the

one that has helped us through. Let us remember the parable of the tallons. Let's not burry away that which the Lord

has entrusted us with. Let's spend it wisely, investing it in others, so that when he returns, we will have a return on

that which he has invested in us, to give back to him.

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## BIBLE STUDY # 4. LIVING BIBLE

"For the mountains may depart and the hills disappear, but my kindness shall not leave you. My promise of peace for you will never be broken, says the Lord who has mercy upon you.  
Isaiah 54:10

Psalms 31:19

Isaiah 29:19

Psalms 125:2

Isaiah 55:12

For the Lord is faithful to his promises. Blessed are all those who wait for him to help them.

Isaiah 30:18

Lamentations 3:26

Psalms 37:25

Psalms 37:34

Psalms 34:8 to 10

Psalms 27:14

"You shall know that I am the Lord. Those who wait for me shall never be ashamed."  
Isaiah 49:23

Proverbs 24:13 & 14

Psalms 1:2 & 3

Jeremiah 17:7 & 8

Romans 8:24 & 25

Romans 10:11

Psalms 118:8

"Listen to this wise advice; follow it closely, for it will do you good, and you can pass it on to others: **Trust the Lord.**"  
Proverbs 22:17 to 19

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Romans 15:13 NIV





*Jesus, I Trust in You!*

## **SHARE YOUR SON SHINE**

Send us your favorite encouraging scriptures. If you know of any scriptures about joy, peace, hope, love, encouragement or mercy, please send them to us at Sunrise Ministries. Please feel free to quote any accepted version of the Bible, or any definition taken from the original language.

### *Scripture Shared*

"Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun." Ecclesiastes 11:7 LB

"Tackle every task that comes along and if you fear God you can expect his blessing." Ecclesiastes 7:18 LB

"To enjoy your work and to accept your lot in life--that is indeed a gift from God. The person who does that will not need to look back with sorrow on his past, for God gives him joy." Ecclesiastes 5:19 & 20 LB

"Any enterprise is built by wise planning, becomes strong through common sense, and profits wonderfully by keeping abreast of the facts." Proverbs 24:3 & 4 LB

*Fruit of the Spirit*

*Love*

*Joy*

*Peace*

*Long-Suffering*

*Gentleness*

*Goodness*

*Faith*

*Meekness*

*Temperance*

*Galatians 5 : 22 , 23*

In this section you will find the words to a song by a featured Christian artist or group. This is a free advertisement offered by The Son Shine. The song is featured because the content is of an encouraging nature.

### MONTANA SKY

Gazing from a lonely mountain top,  
face to face with a sky that never stops  
here, where an empty soul can turn  
to look for the reasons, the riddles why.

They happen, things we just don't understand  
but there's a peace for what we cannot  
comprehend.

Oh, we can climb higher than the pain  
to find some comfort when the answer isn't  
plain.

We don't know why, but when the world is  
lost in shadows,  
there is a light that will remain.  
The love He gave that cared enough to die  
is as endless as a Montana sky.

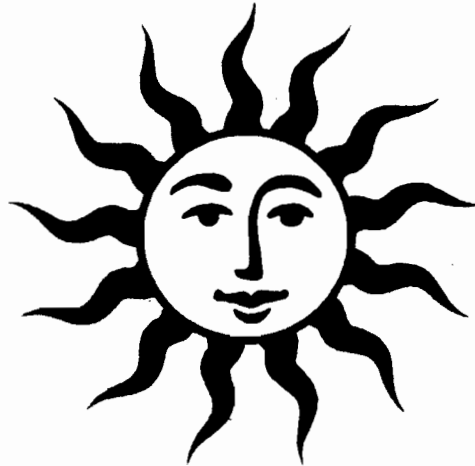
Flowing on the mysteries of time  
are secrets that are hidden from my mind.  
Oh, for all I cannot understand,  
my loving Father holds the answers in his  
hands.

We don't know why, but when the world is  
lost in shadows,  
there is a light that will remain.  
The love He gave, that cared enough to die,  
is as endless as the Montana sky.  
When there's no why, there is a hope beyond  
the sorrow.

It is the truth that will not change.  
His love that gave, that cared enough to die  
is as endless as the Montana sky.

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## Between the Pages

Where can I turn in my times of trouble?  
Where can I confide in wisdom and a friend?  
What must I do when my thoughts have been distracted?  
To whom can I turn when desire burns against me like the  
scorching desert sun? How do I see beyond discouragement?  
What do I do when my hope is attacked by the face of death?

There is a word of wisdom, a word of truth, a friend that  
has the answer when all mankind looks the other way.  
When trouble comes, there is a hope that is ageless, a  
proven  
love, a timeless comfort, a life in the face of death.

How much can I praise you, Lord, for the only certainty in  
this life is in you.  
Keep your words alive in me.  
Let your thoughts flood mine.  
Put your light in my eyes.  
Fill my heart with your love.  
Keep your faith alive in me.  
Let me walk in your ways.  
Write your words inside of me,  
All of you, none of me.  
For you are the only hope in this life.  
You fill the silence, you know my needs.  
Jesus, your life gives me hope for tomorrow and today.  
Help me to keep my trust in you,  
The only life I have belongs to you.  
Thank you for the truth that makes me free.

**P. J. CAMPISE**

# **WANTED**

Original sketches, art work, original writing of an encouraging nature. ~~Must meet the following criteria:~~ Christian nature, non-political. It is not our desire to engage in doctrinal disputes or particular denominational beliefs. All submitted writing should be non-manipulative in nature. Send to SUNRISE MINISTRIES

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