

### 3 Part Devotional: Salt and Light Living

#### *Part 1: You Are the Salt*

Reading: Matthew 5:13; Colossians 4:6

Devotional:

"You are the salt of the earth" —not you will be, but you are. Salt preserves, flavors, heals, and transforms. Notice Jesus didn't call you the steak, trying to be the main course. He's the main course; you're the seasoning that makes life with Him irresistible to others. Salt doesn't manufacture itself—it's given. You received life from Jesus, and now you give it away. You meet people where they are, not with judgment but with the life-giving presence of Christ. But salt can lose its effectiveness when we stop dealing with our sin at the cross. Don't let unconfessed sin make you bland and ineffective. Stay salty by staying surrendered. The world is hungry for the flavor only Christ in you can provide.

Reflection: How am I being salt to those around me? What's making me lose my "saltiness"?

#### *Part 2: Shining in the Darkness*

Reading: Matthew 5:14-16; John 8:12

Devotional:

Jesus declared, "I am the light of the world," then turned to His disciples and said, "You are the light of the world." This isn't blasphemy—it's His light shining through you. Light doesn't argue with darkness; it simply overcomes it by being present. You bring clarity to confusion, peace to chaos, and strength to the weary. But here's the challenge: don't hide your light under a basket of insecurity, shame, or fear. The world needs to see Christ in you. Your good works aren't for self-glory but to point others to your Father in heaven. Stop believing the lie that you're disqualified. Deal

with your sin quickly, return to the cross, and let His light shine unhindered through your life.

Reflection: What "basket" am I placing over my light? How can I shine more boldly today?

## Part 3: Trusting the One Who Never Fails

Reading: Proverbs 3:5-6; Philippians 1:6

Devotional:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." God isn't finished with you. He who began a good work in you will complete it. You stumbled last night? He's still committed. You failed again? He's not abandoning you. This is a covenant of salt—permanent, preserving, enduring. Stop trying to manufacture righteousness on your own. Stop beating yourself up over yesterday's failures. Instead, seek the Lord. When you sought Him, He heard and answered. That's why you can trust Him today and tomorrow. His faithfulness isn't based on your performance but on His character. So lay down your burdens, follow Him with all your heart, and watch Him make your path straight. He will never fail.

Reflection: In what area do I need to trust God's faithfulness instead of my own understanding?

Closing Prayer:

Lord, thank You for washing me clean, for calling me salt and light, and for never giving up on me. Help me live in the reality of who You say I am. May my life flavor the world around me and shine Your light into every dark place. I trust You with my whole heart. In Jesus' name, Amen.