

SHINE BY HILLARY KRIPPAEHNE

A few friends were visiting, and I had the privilege of showing them around the Oregon Coast. We got to visit two beautiful lighthouses. Although I had visited them before, they seemed to take on a new significance and metaphor in my life this time.

These lighthouses are tall. They are strong. They give light to guide boats. They are beautiful. They stand in the middle of storms.

Read John 1:3-9.

God is our ultimate lighthouse. He gives us direction. His light points us in the right path. God guides us out of the way of danger and into a path of safety.

We are called to be a light in this dark world. We are called to shine brightly for Jesus. God wants us to shine like stars (Philippians 2:15). He wants us to be a city on the hill (Matthew 5:14-16). May God help you shine for Him wherever you go.

- Illustrate a lighthouse, stars, or a lightbulb to remind you who is the true light in your life.
- Create an acronym for the word SHINE. What does that word mean to you? How can you shine for Jesus in this dark world in which we live?
- Read and journal 2 Corinthians 4:6.
- Pray Psalm 119:133, asking God to direct your steps.

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