

## E-Series

### How Are You Shining? Part II



And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. **4** The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. **5** For we do not preach 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," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. —**2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

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This Sunday is Transfiguration Sunday, a day on which we generally read the story of Jesus' Transfiguration before the eyes of Peter, James and John. As I pondered that, along with the above passage from 2 Corinthians, I wondered what these passages might have to say about our shining in Jesus' name.

Since I will not have Internet access tomorrow, I send you these passages to reflect early. Save them for tomorrow if you'd like. **Matthew 17:1-9:**

**1** After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. **2** There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. **3** Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. **4** Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters--one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." **5** While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" **6** When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. **7** But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." **8** When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. **9** As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

What do these passages have to say about light and shining? How is God speaking to you through these?

Trying to Shine in All I Do,  
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