Sermon Notes: This Little Light of Mine…

Introduction: (Matthew 5:14-16)

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Jesus Declares Our Identity (Matt 5:14; John 8:12; Eph 5:8)

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Jesus Warns Against Hiding (Matt 5:15)

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Jesus Gives Us Our Mission (Matt 5:16)

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Practical Ways to Let Your Light Shine

Shine with your _____ (Proverbs 18:21)
Shine with your _____ (Philippians 2:14-15)
Shine with your _____ (Colossians 3:12)
Shine with your _____ (Proverbs 11:3)
Shine with your _____ (Joshua 1:9)

When You Let It Shine, God Uses It

Light exposes _____
Light brings _____
Light guides the _____
Light _____

Conclusion: A Simple Song – A Serious Calling – Make the Commitment…

Let it shine in your _____
Let it shine in your _____
Let it shine in your _____
Let it shine in your _____
Let it shine in your _____
Let it shine until _____ is seen in _____

The Messenger

Weekly Newsletter of Whiteland Church of Christ
Loving God / Loving People

The Lord's Day, February 1, 2026

Order of Worship

Greeting: Eric Wiwczaroski
Scripture Reading: Rodney Dowell (Matthew 5:14-16)
Worship Leader: George Hewitt
Communion: Rex DeFord
Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt
(This Little Light of Mine)
Announcements / Prayer: Ed Tichenor

During Sermon

Nursery: Cindie Cottingham (Sub: Debbie Smith)
Pre-K & K: Gina Sowder & Edie Short
1st-3rd Grade Bible Hour: Rachel Hewitt

Schedule of Services

Bible Studies: Sunday 9:30am & 5:00pm / Wednesday 7pm
Worship: Sunday 10:30am

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Welcome

Thank you for being with us today. We hope you find your time here to be a source of renewal, hope, and belonging.

Recent Prayer Requests

Tammy Bartels (Amy's sister) had a breast biopsy, which came back benign. **Eric Chamberlain** (Logan's dad) is undergoing intensive chemotherapy for aggressive cancer that has unfortunately spread to his bones. **John Collins** (Hewitt's uncle) has stage 4 prostate cancer, which has spread to his stomach. **Brett Mason** (Rodney & Tonya Dowell's son) has been diagnosed with Leukemia. He will be starting treatments soon. **Bruce Roberts** (Lyndsay Trostle's uncle) has colon cancer and is on hospice. **Barb Surber** has been moved to Compass Park, Skilled Nursing Unit, Rm. 1304.

Long Term Concerns

Gavin Brooks (son of Keith Huesman's friend, heart issues), **Juanita Brunnemer** (shut-in), **Susie Crecelous** (GayLee's friend, bone cancer & lupus), **Eddie Culin** (Wiwczaroski's friend, cancer), **Karen DeFord** (hip replacement surgery on February 26th), **Tonya Dowell** (health issues), **Nancy Duncan** (Rodney Dowell's sister, needs kidney transplant), **Pam Dowty** (Ronnie Sutton's sister, Parkinson's), **Robert Ewing** (GayLee's nephew, bone & liver cancer), **Gloria** (friend of Hagan's, kidney & heart issues), **Moe Handy** (shut-in), **Rex Hembree** (Della's brother, lung issues), **Angie Hewitt** (looking for employment), **Jamie Jones** (Hagan's nephew, coronary artery bypass & kidney transplant list), **Martin Julian** (shut-in), **Neil Kent** (David's brother, lung cancer), **Pam Lasiter** (Lougene's daughter, ongoing health issues), **Sharon Lasiter** (Rosegate Nursing Center, Rm#120, hospice), **Lynn** (aunt of Lonnie & Sonya's daughter-in-law, breast & spine cancer), **Clayton Marrott** (intestinal issues), **Pat Martin** (Amy Wiwczaroski's dad, Parkinson's), **Leah Raker** (Kent's great-granddaughter, Rett syndrome), **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis), **Heather Schmidt** (Amy Wiwczaroski's cousin, chemo), **Tim Scott** (Cindy Strope's brother, palsy), **Charles Speer** (friend of Ronnie & Angie, blood cancer and is receiving infusion treatments), **Benny Stephens** (oxygen), **Gayle Stephens** (cancer, tumor is shrinking with treatment), **Vonnie Stonebraker** (Sowder's neighbor, palliative care), **Barb Surber** (shut-in), **GayLee Sutton** (wet macular degeneration), **Blanche Taylor** (shut-in), **Delbert Vibbert** (Lougene's nephew, COPD), **Mary Walton** (Regina Anderson's mom, shut-in), **Tiffany Waskom** (Crystal Miller's co-worker, immunotherapy for cancer), **John West** (Dawn Elliott's friend, cancer), **Wanda Weaver** (kidney disease & lupus), **Jimmy Wooten** (Lougene's son, Parkinson's); **Kevin & Mary Wooten** (Lougene's son & daughter-in-law, Kevin - Cardiac Amyloidosis, chemo; Mary - Alzheimer's)

Missions

Jason & Devan Pierce (Resident Missionary @ Freed-Hardeman University); **Caleb Pierce** (Student @ Bear Valley Bible Institute); **Steve & Renee Gaudreau** (India Missions); **Shults-Lewis Child & Family Services**

How do I become a Christian?

Hear the Word (Romans 10:17) / Believe the Word (John 20:31, Acts 16:31) / Repent of your sins (Luke 13:5, 15:7) / Confess Jesus to others (Matthew 10:32-33) / Be Baptized in the name of Jesus for salvation (1Peter 3:21, Romans 6:4-5, Acts 2:37-38)

Announcements

Area Wide Singing & Chili Supper

Our annual singing has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 28th at 5pm. We are inviting sister congregations to join us. We need some help with desserts for the fellowship supper. If you can assist with this need, please let George Hewitt know.

Encouragement Sunday

Today is Encouragement Sunday. There are cards in the foyer available to be picked up and filled out. You may then place them in the box to be mailed for you.

Morning Glories' Ministry Brunch

The next brunch for the women will be Saturday, February 14th, at 10am in the fellowship hall. See Inez or Della for more information.

Winter Blues Youth Event

There is a youth event scheduled for all our kids on Saturday, February 21st from 1-4pm, here at the church building. For more details, please see Eric and Amy.

Assistance Needed

We are looking for a couple more people to assist in the sound booth during worship services. If you are willing to help with this, please see George.

Faith Applied

Ronnie has a new Facebook page dedicated to articles and videos to help in your spiritual walk entitled: Faith Applied. The URL for this page is (www.facebook.com/faithappliedddaily). The email to correspond through this page is (faithappliedddaily@gmail.com).

Cleaning Crew – February 1-7 (Team 2)

Finance Record for 2026

Weekly Budget: $3,474.56 Offering for 1/18: $5,953.00

Attendance

Sunday: AM Bible Study (0); Worship (0); PM Bible Study (0)
Wednesday Bible Study (0)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, February 1	Leviticus 1-4
Monday, February 2	Leviticus 5-7
Tuesday, February 3	Leviticus 8-10
Wednesday, February 4	Leviticus 11-13
Thursday, February 5	Leviticus 14-15
Friday, February 6	Leviticus 16-18
Saturday, February 7	Leviticus 19-21

Absolute Truth

(John 8:32)

John 8:31-32

So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "*If you continue in My word, then you are truly My disciples;* [32] *and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*" (NASB)

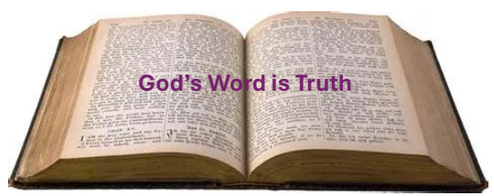
In a world overflowing with opinions, shifting values, and ever-changing narratives, Jesus' words cut through the noise with refreshing clarity. He doesn't point us to a truth, or our own truth, but the truth—absolute, unchanging, liberating.

When Jesus speaks of "the truth," He is not referring to a concept we discover, but a reality we encounter. Earlier in John's Gospel, He declares, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life."* Truth is embodied in Christ Himself. To know Him is to know what is real, what is right, and what is eternal.

Jesus spoke these words to people who believed they were already free. Yet He revealed a deeper bondage—slavery to sin, deception, and self-reliance. The freedom He offers is not political, emotional, or philosophical. It is spiritual freedom: Freedom from sin's penalty, freedom from sin's power, and freedom from the lies that distort our identity and purpose. Only the truth of Christ can break those chains.

Our culture often treats truth as flexible—something we shape to fit our preferences. But absolute truth is not subject to personal revision. God's Word stands firm whether it is applauded or rejected. Truth does not shift with trends. Truth does not bow to feelings. Truth does not evolve with culture. Absolute truth anchors us when everything elses feels uncertain.

Again, knowing the truth is not merely intellectual; it is transformational. Jesus ties truth to discipleship: "*If you continue in My word…*" Truth is lived, not just learned. We pursue truth by staying in Scripture. We practice truth by obeying Christ. We proclaim truth by living with integrity and love. Truth shapes our decisions, our relationships, and our witness.

In confusing times, the church has a sacred calling: to hold fast to the truth with courage and compassion. Not harshly, not arrogantly, but confidently—because truth is not a weapon to harm but a light to guide.

Absolute truth is not restrictive; it is very freeing. It does not confine; it liberates us. When we cling to Christ and His Word, we stand on solid ground. And in Him, we find the freedom our souls were made for.