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## **“Glory-Bearer”**

*“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)*

### **Transformational Trajectory**

**Numbers 2:2** – “The people of Israel shall camp each by his own standard, with the banners of their fathers’ houses. They shall camp facing the tent of meeting on every side.”

**Exodus 40:33-35** – (33) “And he (Moses) erected the court around the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the screen of the gate of the court. So Moses finished the work. (34) Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. (35) And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.”

**2 Corinthians 3:18-4:1-6** – (18) “And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. (1) Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. (2) But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God’s word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God. (3) And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. (4) In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (5) For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. (6) For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

### **Lights Shining in a Dark World**

**Acts 6:10-12, 15** – (10) “But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he (Stephen) was speaking. (11) Then they secretly instigated men who said, ‘We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.’ (12) And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and they came upon him and seized him and brought him before the council... (15) And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel.”

<b>Key Point: Reflect Jesus to the Dark World</b>
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## **Response**

### **(1) Look to the Source**

“Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.” (Psalm 34:5)

### **(2) Get Wisdom**

“Who is like the wise? And who knows the interpretation of a thing? A man’s wisdom makes his face shine, and the hardness of his face is changed.” (Ecclesiastes 8:1)

### **(3) Choose Light over Darkness**

“Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not become partners with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light... Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them...Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,” (Ephesians 5:6-8, 11, 14-15)

## **Questions:**

What

impacted me the most in this message?

Am I aware of my responsibility to purposefully shine for Jesus in this world? (Phil. 2:14-15)?

How did Jesus reflect the glory of God? (John 1:14; 12:23-36)

Can I pray to manifest the glory of God to one person this week?