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40 days of prayer + fasting + reflection | JOHN 15:17

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JOHN 1:1-5, 9

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

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NUMBERS 9:19-23

Sometimes the cloud was over the tabernacle only a few days; at the Lord's command they would encamp, and then at his command they would set out. Sometimes the cloud stayed only from evening till morning, and when it lifted in the morning, they set out. Whether by day or by night, whenever the cloud lifted, they set out.

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NUMBERS 9:19-23

Whether the cloud stayed over the tabernacle for two days or a month or a year, the Israelites would remain in camp and not set out; but when it lifted, they would set out. At the Lord's command they encamped, and at the Lord's command they set out...

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NUMBERS 11:23

The Lord answered Moses, "Is the Lord's arm too short? Now you will see whether or not what I say will come true for you."

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The greatest struggle of the Christian life is to **trust** God in the **struggle**, and our reward is his **presence**.

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EXODUS 27:20

Command the Israelites to bring you clear oil of pressed olives for the light so that the lamps may be kept burning. In the tent of meeting, outside the curtain that shields the ark of the covenant law.

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Aaron and his sons are to keep the lamps burning before the Lord from evening till morning. This is to be a lasting ordinance among the Israelites for the generations to come.

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Day and night. That's how the flames of the Presence of God were to burn. The light in the Holy Place – seven lamps on a golden lampstand, each filled with oil (by priests constantly on call) – would glow continually, without fail.

– Chris Tiegreen

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Jesus referred to his followers as “the light of the world.”

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- A long difficulty
- The presence of God
- An opportunity to shine
- A promise

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JOHN 15:1,2,5

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

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God first brought His people out of Egypt, but then needed to take Egypt out of His people.

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The *presence* of God is in the **pruning**.

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Our *shining* is in the **trusting** and the **changing**.

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Our promise is heaven in **Jesus**.

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