

This week Pastor Sharon presents the fifth installment in the ten part series on "Power Verses For Transformation". Sharon teaches about the "shining principal" that God plans for your life in this world; to be a witness to others, to shine like a star in the dark sky, easily seen from a long way off. The forces of darkness strive to extinguish the light, the witness, in the life of the believer. Only by submitting yourself to Christ in faith can you find the power to resist the "dark side" of yourself that is aroused by the difficult situations you encounter in your daily life. Christ will indwell you and shine out through your life for all the world to see.

Sharon says that your shining strategy begins with having a PLAN. Paul had a plan, to rejoice in all situations. You need a PERSPECTIVE to live from. Paul's perspective on life caused him to believe that everything that happened to him only served to advance the Gospel of Christ. You need a PRIORITY to live by. Paul had a priority to uplift Christ in every situation, good or bad. You need POWER to live the victorious life. Paul depended on the power that comes from Christ alone to have strength to face the situations that he found himself in. You need a PURPOSE to live for. Paul summed up his purpose for living by stating that the life he lived on this earth was a life dictated by Christ and that death, for him, only served to unite him with Jesus all the more. It was a win/win situation for Paul either way!

Have you "shined" for Jesus lately? Is the life you live a message of hope for the person fumbling in the dark? Let Jesus open your eyes to your purpose in this world.