

# Failed Light: You're Not Alone in the Dark

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**“... darkness is my only friend.”**

(Psalm 88:18b)

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“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.” (Psalm 23:4a)

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Characters from the Bible ... **Jeremiah**

“Oh that my head were waters, and  
my eyes a fountain of tears, that I  
might weep day and night for the slain  
of the daughter of my people!”

(Jeremiah 9:1)

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Characters from the Bible ... **Jeremiah**

“My joy is gone; grief is upon me; my heart is sick within me ... For the wound of the daughter of my people is my heart wounded; I mourn, and dismay has taken hold on me.” (Jeremiah 8:18, 21)

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Characters from the Bible ... **Jeremiah**

**“I am with you, declares the LORD,  
to deliver you.”** (Jeremiah 1:19b)

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Characters from the Bible ... **Job**

“For my sighing comes instead of my bread, and my groanings are poured out like water. For the thing that I fear comes upon me, and what I dread befalls me.” (Job 3:24-25)

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Characters from the Bible ... **Job**

**“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.”** (Psalm 147:3)

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Characters from the Bible ... **Elijah**

“I am the only one left ...” (1 Kings 19:10)

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Characters from the Bible ... **Elijah**

**“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”** (Hebrews 13:5)

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Characters from the Bible ... **David**

“Your arrows have sunk into me, and  
your hand has come down on me.”

(Psalm 38:2)

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## Characters from the Bible ... David

“I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; all the day I go about mourning. For my sides are filled with burning, and there is no soundness in my flesh. I am feeble and crushed; I groan because of the tumult of my heart.” (Psalm 38:6-8)

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Characters from the Bible ... **David**

“My heart throbs; my strength fails me,  
and the light of my eyes—it also has  
gone from me.” (Psalm 38:10)

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Characters from the Bible ... **David**

“I am ready to fall, and my pain is ever before me.” (Psalm 38:17)

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Characters from the Bible ... David

“The Lord is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves the crushed in spirit.”

(Psalm 34:18)

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Characters from the Bible ... Psalmists

“For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.” (Psalm 138:6)

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Characters from the Bible ... Prophets

“... when I sit in darkness, the LORD will be light to me ... He will bring me out to the light.” (Micah 7:8b, 9b)

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Characters from the Bible ... **John the Baptist**

“... the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.”  
(Luke 1:78b-79a)

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Characters from the Bible ... **John the Baptist**

“Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?”

(Matthew 11:3)

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Characters from the Bible ... John the Baptist

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.” (Isaiah 43:2)

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Characters from the Bible ... **Paul**

“... we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death.” (2 Corinthians 1:9)

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Characters from the Bible ... Paul

“But God, who comforts the afflicted,  
comforted us ...” (2 Corinthians 7:5)

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Characters from history ...

Presidents ...

John Adams

John Quincy Adams

Thomas Jefferson Franklin Pierce

James Madison

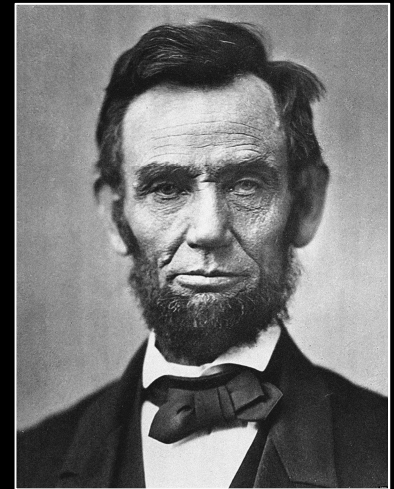
Calvin Coolidge

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Characters from history ...

Abraham Lincoln



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Characters from history ...

**Winston Churchill**



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Characters from history ...  
countless others

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Characters from history ...

**Martin Luther**



“It is the LORD who goes before you.  
He will be with you; he will not leave  
you or forsake you. Do not fear or be  
dismayed.” (Deuteronomy 31:8)

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Characters from history ...  
**David Brainerd**



“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.” (Psalm 51:17)

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Characters from history ...

William Cowper



“A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench.”

(Matthew 12:20)

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Characters from history ...

Charles Spurgeon



“For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: ‘I dwell in a high and holy place, and also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly ...’ (Isaiah 57:15)

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Characters from history ...

James “Buck” Hatch



“... fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

(Isaiah 41:10)

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Characters from history ...

Phillip Graham Ryken



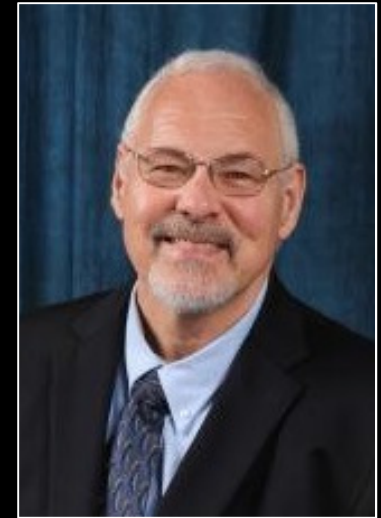
“For I, the LORD you God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, ‘Fear not, I am the one who helps you.’”

(Isaiah 41:13)

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Characters from history ...  
**Terry Powell**



**“The LORD longs to be gracious to you;  
therefore he will rise up to show you  
compassion.”** (Isaiah 30:18, NIV)

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The Lord Jesus Christ ...

“In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.” (Hebrews 5:7)

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The Lord Jesus Christ ...

“... Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?’ that is, ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’” (Matthew 27:46)

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The Lord Jesus Christ ...

“He was despised and rejected by men;  
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with  
grief.” (Isaiah 53:3)

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The Lord Jesus Christ ...

“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.” (2 Corinthians 4:6)

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The Lord Jesus Christ ...

“He has delivered us from the domain of darkness ...” (Colossians 1:13a)

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The Lord Jesus Christ ...

“... at one time you were darkness, but  
now you are light in the Lord.”

(Ephesians 5:8)

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The Lord Jesus Christ ...

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.” (Hebrews 4:15)

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The Lord Jesus Christ ...

“And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20)

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“The heart knows its own bitterness,  
and no stranger shares its joy.”

(Proverbs 14:10)

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## Lies exposed:

No one knows how I feel.

I must be a failure.

I must not be a true Christian.

I must not be a good Christian.

I must not be a victorious, Spirit-filled Christian.

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**Lies exposed:**

I must not be a fruitful Christian.

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**“You, LORD, are my lamp;  
the LORD turns my  
darkness into light.”**

(2 Samuel 22:29)

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**“The LORD is my light and my  
salvation; whom shall I fear?”**

(Psalm 27:1a)

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**“... the LORD my God lightens  
my darkness.”**

(Psalm 18:28)

