

“You Light Up My Life”

Three Themes of “You Light Up My Life.”

A. Dealing with loneliness.

So many nights I sit by my window
Waiting for someone to sing me his song
So many dreams I kept deep inside me
Alone in the dark but now you’ve come along

[Play snippet one.]

- Doing nothing isn’t the cure for loneliness.
- Waiting for someone to meet your deepest needs isn’t the cure for loneliness.
- Rehearsing past relational disappointments isn’t the cure for loneliness.
- Doing these three will keep you “alone in the dark”!

B. Discovering the light of your life.

Rollin' at sea, adrift on the water
Could it be finally I'm turning for home?
Finally, a chance to say hey, I love You
Never again to be all alone

You light up my life
You give me hope
To carry on
You light up my days
and fill my nights with song

[Play snippet two.]

- Faith can be the “you” that lights up your life.
 - Psalm 42:8, “But each day the LORD pours his unfailing love upon me, and through each night I sing his songs, praying to God who gives me life.”
 - John 8:12-13, “Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”¹³ The Pharisees replied, “You are making those claims about yourself! Such testimony is not valid.” [NOTE: It’s so unbelievable, the Pharisees challenged Jesus’ on this claim.]

- The Church can be the “you” that lights up your life.
 - Romans 12:10, “Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.”
- Another person can be the “you” that lights up your life.
 - Genesis 2:18, Then the LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him.”
- Romance *can* be a temporary solution. The Ultimate wedding is in Heaven!
 - Revelation 19:6-9, Then I heard again what sounded like the shout of a vast crowd or the roar of mighty ocean waves or the crash of loud thunder: “Praise the LORD! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. ⁷ Let us be glad and rejoice, and let us give honor to him. For the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb, and his bride has prepared herself. ⁸ She has been given the finest of pure white linen to wear.” For the fine linen represents the good deeds of God’s holy people. ⁹ And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.” And he added, “These are true words that come from God.”
 - This Thursday is Valentine’s Day. Enjoy the romance! A big mistake of married couples is setting romance aside for the practical nature of living together ... NO! Have a date night. Hold hands. Scribble out little notes. Sing “You light up my life” to your wife tomorrow morning!

C. Emotion-driven decision making.

It can't be wrong
 When it feels so right
 'Cause You
 You light up my life

[Play snippet three.]

How many times have you regretted an emotion-driven purchase?
 How many times have you regretted an emotion-driven outburst?

We ARE emotional beings ... praise the Lord for that! But, emotions don’t DRIVE us and can’t validate a wrong. We don’t let our kids eat ice-cream and milk duds for dinner ... even though that sure would feel good to them.

John 8:31-32, Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. ³² And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

God's Word >> implanted in our hearts >> produces faithfulness >> abide in truth
>> genuine freedom.

MAIN POINT: 1 John 1:7, "But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin."

A closing prayer ... "Dear God, chase away the darkness in our lives Lord. Brighten us so we might be equipped to brighten others. Oh Lord, light up our lives! In Jesus' name, amen."

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