



“That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby,
guarding their flocks of sheep.

Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them,
and the radiance of the Lord’s glory surrounded them.

They were terrified, but the angel reassured them.

‘Don’t be afraid!’ he said.

‘I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people.
The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today
in Bethlehem, the city of David!

And you will recognize him by this sign:

You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth,
lying in a manger.’ Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host
of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,

‘Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth
to those with whom God is pleased.’”

Luke 2:8-14 (NLT)

Two power shortages in life:

1. Power shortage: Getting it started.

“I often find that I have the will to do good, but not the power!” Romans 7:18 (Ph)

2. Power shortage: Keeping it going.

“I am worn out, O Lord...Give me strength; I am completely exhausted and my whole
being is deeply troubled.” Psalm 6:2-3 (GN)

One Solution: Plugging into God’s power.

“The Lord is the everlasting God...He never grows tired or weary...He strengthens those
who are weak and tired...Those who trust the Lord for help will find their strength renewed.”
Isaiah 40:28-31 (GN)

“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 men. The light shines in the darkness.”
John 1:3-5 (NIV)



How to let Jesus light up your life:

1. Admit I have a need.

(Paul) “God said to me, ‘...where there is weakness, My power is shown more
completely.’ Therefore I have cheerfully made up my mind to be proud of my
weaknesses, because they mean a deeper experience of Christ’s power...For my very
weakness makes me strong in Him!” 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (Ph)

“God...gives grace to the humble.” James 4:6 (NIV)

2. Believe that God wants to help me.

“Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives
generously to all who call on him. For ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will
be saved.’” Romans 10:12-13 (NLT)

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today
in the town of David (Bethlehem) a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.”
Luke 2:10-11 (NIV)

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13 (KJV)

3. Expect God to fill me with His power.

“Mary asked the angel, ‘But how can this happen? I am a virgin.’ The angel replied,...
‘For nothing is impossible with God.’” Luke 1:34 & 37 (NLT)

“For God is at work within you, giving you the will and the power to achieve his purpose.”
Philippians 2:13 (PH)

“The Son radiates God’s own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he
sustains everything by the mighty power...” Hebrews 1:3 (NLT)

4. Apply God’s word.

“I am completely discouraged...Revive me by your word.” Psalm 119:25 (LB)

“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the
Almighty. I will say of the Lord, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will
trust.’” Psalm 91:1-2 (NKJV)

(The Wise-men) “When they saw the star, they were overjoyed...they bowed down and
worshiped Him.” Matthew 2:10-11 (NIV)

“I pray that you will begin to understand how incredibly great His power is to help those
who believe Him...that same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead.”

Ephesians 1:19-20 (LB)