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#FORSALEM

A Light in the Darkness

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UNEXPECTED

Main Points

Darkness seems overwhelming... until even the tiniest light is lit.

No matter how dark it gets, the light will always break through.

When we look around us (and in us) we see a darkness that we are powerless to illuminate.

God's love for humanity moved him to break into human history.

For God, mercy and compassion always outshine law and punishment.

God often breaks through the darkness in ways we don't expect or immediately see.

Prayer: "God, where are you shining your light in my life? Break through the darkness and help me to see you and your light this Christmas." *(Let lights remind you to pray)*

There is no darkness dark enough to extinguish the smallest light of God's love.

God is always breaking through the darkness in the most unexpected ways.

#forSalem DECEMBER: GLOVE DRIVE

Goal: 50 pairs for Church @ The Park

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Discussion Questions

1. This series is called "A Light in the Darkness" and this message is titled "Unexpected". What would be your own theme/title for Christmas and why?
2. Read John 1:1-9 (read through verse 18 for extra credit). What stands out to you in John's description of Jesus and his coming? Do you get any encouragement or insight from this passage?
3. Where do you see God's light in your life right now? How can your group pray for you this week?

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 Church @ The Park Glove Drive

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 Noble Wave (coming up!)
 This week's winner:
 French Press Coffee & Crepes

Recommended Reading:
 • The Christmas Story: Luke 2

Music we listened to while making this episode:
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[Michael W. Smith, All is Well](#)

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