

“BRING YOUR LIFE INTO THE LIGHT”

John 12:46 (NIV) - *“I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.”*

When we talk about opening Pandora’s Box, we use it as a metaphor that may mean a number of things. The story comes from Ancient Greece and is very old. But today, Pandora’s Box means a source of troubles.

Some of these troubles may be related to the fact that we may be in denial that we have a problem. Sometimes what we keep hidden is too dark or painful to face. Sometimes we are afraid of what the consequences of our actions may be.

Over the past few months, God has really laid on my heart to *“bring my life into the light.”* To allow the Light of Jesus Christ to shine brightly into areas of my life that needed closer examination. These areas speak to family history, my relationship with God, and finances.

I recently graduated from seminary and moved out of the women’s dormitory. In preparation for the move, I challenged myself to open one stored box each week and make a decision to give away, discard or keep the contents. Some of it I no longer had any use for. Some of it no longer fit me.

I had to decide what was worth holding onto and what I needed to let go of. I felt the Lord prompting me to begin a similar process within my mind and heart. I asked myself: *“What have you been storing up in darkness that needs the Light of Jesus Christ?”* I felt Jesus telling me to *“bring your life into the light!”*

I wanted to bring my life into the light to receive all of the power and glory of God through Jesus Christ. When Jesus’ Light shines in our lives the truth is revealed and we can begin to heal. He is with us to walk through the valley of death and our trials and tribulations.

I encourage you today to open your life to Jesus Christ:

*“Then your light will break forth like the dawn,
and your healing will quickly appear;
then your righteousness will go before you,
and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.
Then you will call, and the LORD will answer;
you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.”*

Isaiah 58:8-9a (NIV)

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