



## *The Light Shines in the Darkness*

Greetings, friend!

I've been thinking a lot about light lately. The days are short and the nights are long, and I find it harder to get moving in the morning and resist the pull of the couch and comfy blanket in the evening.

Do you feel it too?

As darkness bookends our days, I'm grateful for moments of light that remind me I'm not alone. The sun's rays in the window, a video chat with grandkids, laughter with friends, and singing hymns at church – these are the moments of light and love that sustain me through the dark.



What brings light to your life? A new book, a quiet moment, or coffee with a friend? The satisfaction of a project completed or the excitement of a new one begun? If you need some inspiration to stave off the darkness while waiting for spring, read on. A course may be waiting to bring light to your life through new knowledge, new skills, and new connections so that you can bring light to others in the ways that only you uniquely can, by God's grace.

*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness shall not overcome it – John 1:5.*

Thanks be to God!

Peace,

Lori Richey  
Director of Online Education, Institute for Discipleship

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### ***Congratulations on your achievement!***

Clinton Miller was a 2024 completer of all courses in the Wesley Academy: Wesleyan Emphasis track. We apologize that his name was inadvertently left out of the learner recognitions in the December 2024 BeADisciple newsletter.



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