

TODAY'S
MESSAGE:

BRIGHT
LIGHTS

PHILIPPIANS 2:2-18

Philippians 2:12-18

12 Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear.

13 For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

14 Do everything without complaining and arguing, 15 so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people.

16 Hold firmly to the word of life; then, on the day of Christ's return, I will be proud that I did not run the race in vain and that my work was not useless. 17 But I will rejoice even if I lose my life, pouring it out like a liquid offering to God, just like your faithful service is an offering to God. And I want all of you to share that joy. 18 Yes, you should rejoice, and I will share your joy.

What is your greatest desire in life?

“My desire is to do what pleases Jesus!”

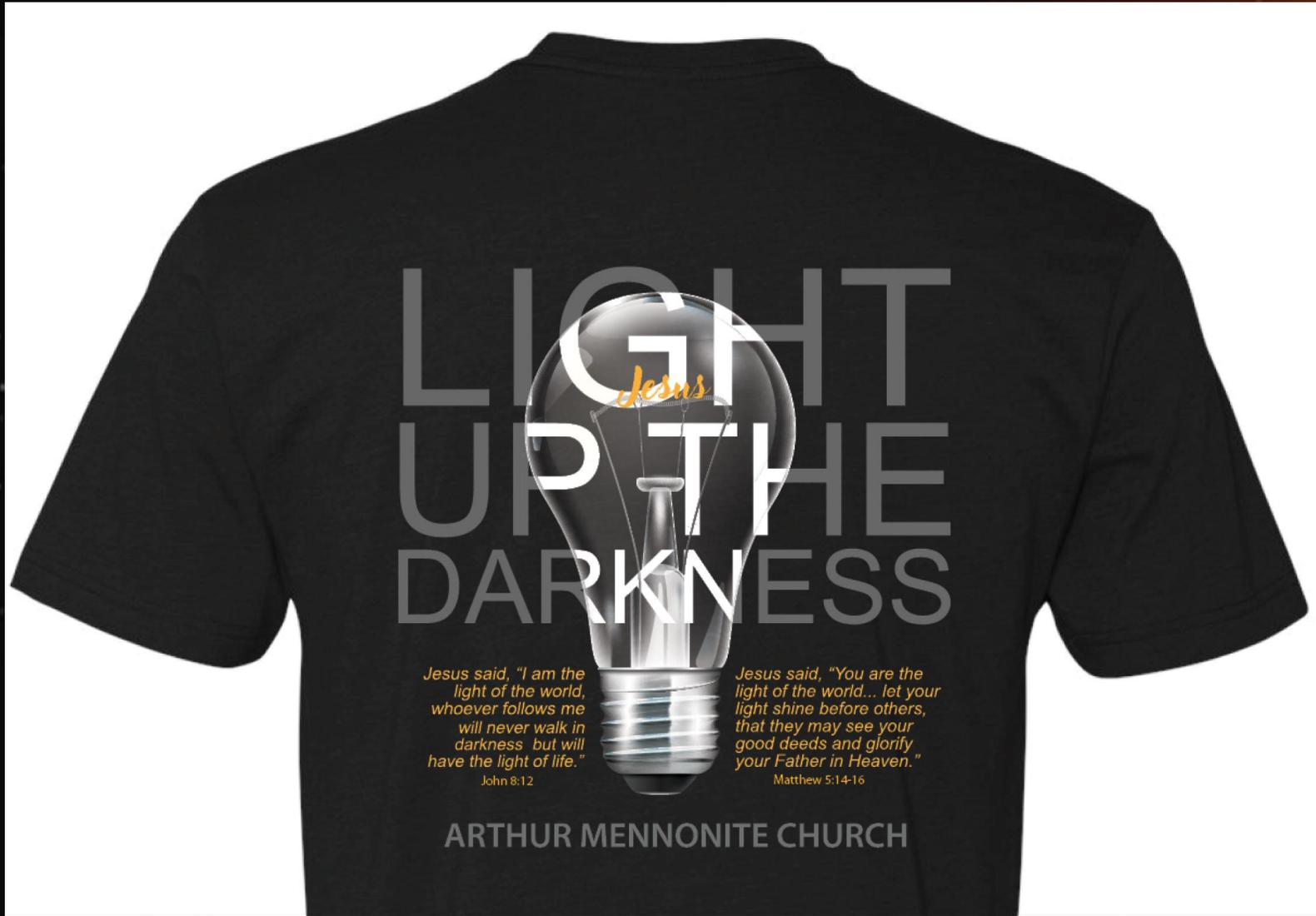
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Philippians 2:12

**We let our things
get in the way of God things.**

***Criticism is often nothing more
than low-grade envy.***

SHINE BRIGHTLY FOR CHRIST!



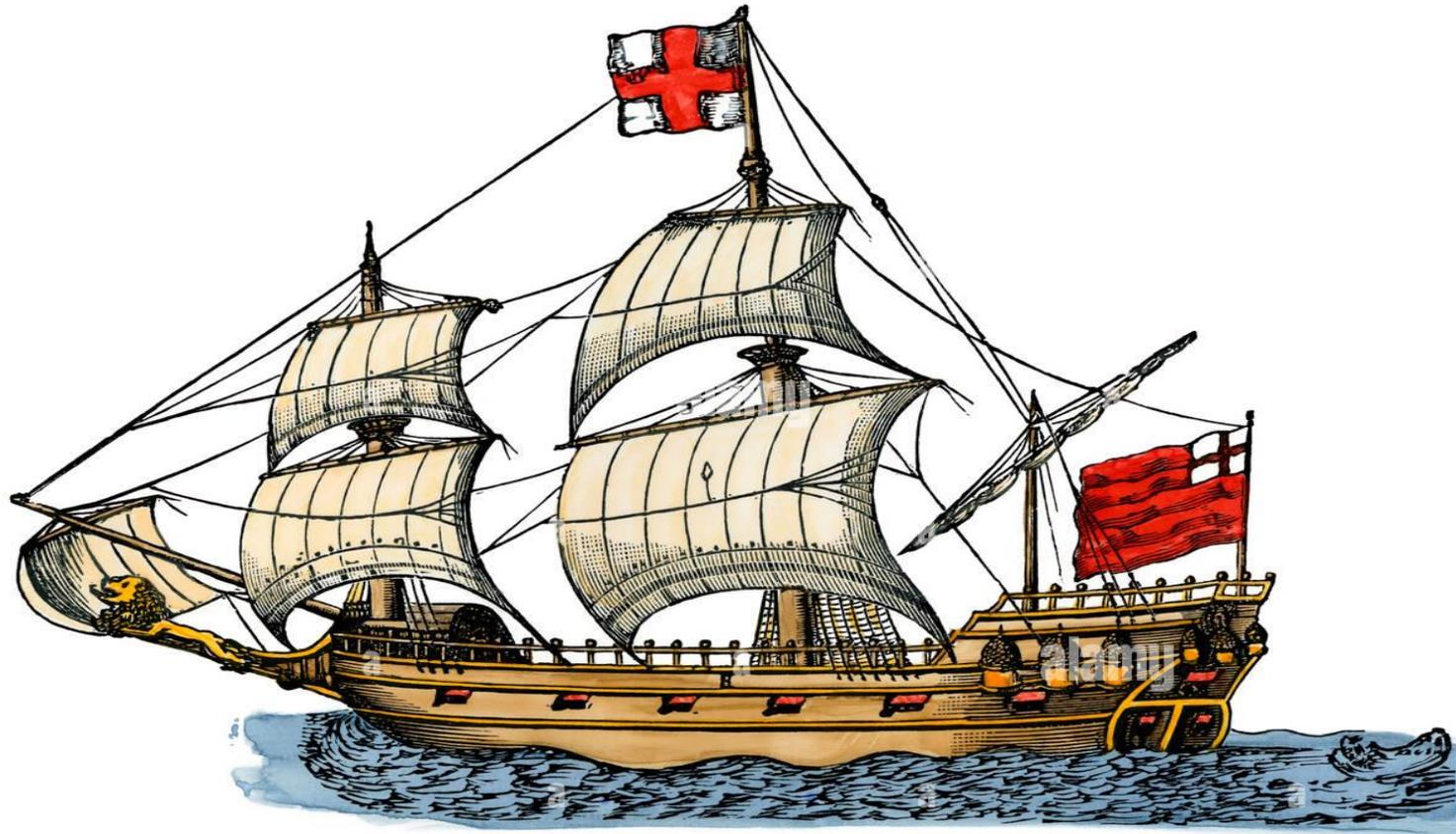
LIGHT
UP THE
DARKNESS

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."
John 8:12

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven."
Matthew 5:14-16

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**Our lives give evidence
of our true desires!**



How do we light up the darkness?

- Rely on the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit.
- Rely on each other for support and counsel.
- Be obedient to God's Word and live it out.
- Show sacrificial love with a servant's heart.

Philippians 2:12

“Continue to work out your salvation.” NIV

“Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear.” NLT

John 15

*Love each other as I have loved you....
You are my friends if you do what I command.”*

*For God is working in you, giving you the
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Philippians 2:13

WHOSE DESIRES?

Ours? or God's?

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