

## “Shine Bright”

Today’s message was intended to use the bright sunshine at the lake to make an example.

But it is more fitting that there are clouds. God really wanted to drive home the point. That our “brightness” is not contingent on the world around us.

### Matthew 5:14-16

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**John 8:12 (NRSV) — 12** Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

**Ephesians 5:8–9 (NRSV) — 8** For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— **9** for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.

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16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that[a] they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

### “Shine Bright Like a Diamond” song

#### John Wesley sermon:

By Christianity I mean that method of worshipping God which is here revealed to man by Jesus Christ. When I say, This is essentially a social religion, I mean not only that it cannot subsist so well, but that it cannot subsist at all, without society,— without living and conversing with other men.

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