



In Dark of Night

Have you ever heard the expression, “*He’s afraid of his own shadow*”? Darkness can be scary, even when we have only ourselves to fear! I remember that as a little girl, I had a laundry bag that hung from my closet door. It was shaped like rag doll, and during the day, I used it quite happily. But when the lights went out and I saw the shadowed figure moving from the breeze that came through my window, it was a whole different thing. I spent many open-eyed nights, half afraid that the bag that was harmless during the day would leap to life at night and find its way to me. I was sure the result would not be good.

Some time ago, Michael Card produced a wonderful album called *Sleep Sound in Jesus*. My children used to listen to it each night as they fell asleep. The lyrics in that album soothe the listener with reminders of God’s nature, love and care. I would have benefitted from having it myself during all of those awake nights in my room. One of the songs has these lines in the lyrics:

“Even the darkness is light to Him,
 And the night is as bright as the day
 So you are safe though the light grows dim -
 For even the darkness is light to Him.”

This comes from Psalm 139:12: “even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.”

As we enter in a new year and a new Bible guide quarter, we find another opportunity to look to the One who is Light to guide our paths and dispel the darkness. We have an opportunity to shine His light to the world around us with the hope and truth of Scripture. May His Word encourage and instruct you as you step into a new year and listen for His Voice, even and maybe especially, in the dark of night.

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