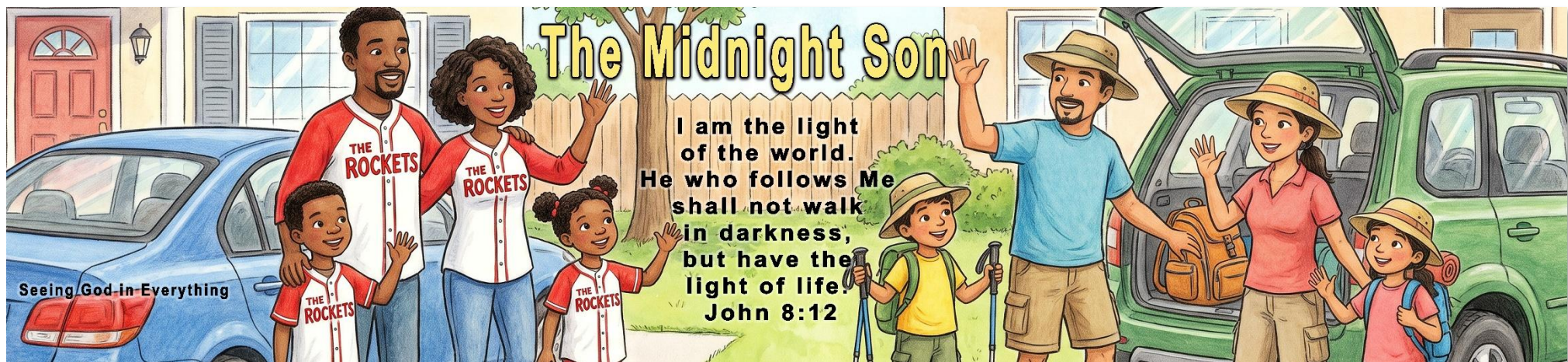




At 10:00, the Robinson and Garcia families greeted each other as they packed their cars for family outings. The Robinsons (all in matching jerseys) were headed to a baseball game. The Garcias loaded their trunk with hiking gear for their adventure. It looked like a typical scene except—it was 10:00 pm, not 10:00 in the morning.

In Alaska and other places above the Arctic Circle, late-night outings like these are common in summer. In Fairbanks, Alaska, for example, the sun remains above the horizon from April 22 to August 20. That's why it's called the "Land of the Midnight Sun." During these months, Fairbanks receives about 22.5 hours of sunlight each day. The last hour and a half is a bright golden twilight, with the sun just above the horizon.

The long hours of daylight encourage locals and visitors alike to enjoy outdoor activities at any time. In Alaska, people often say that in summer the sun refuses to sleep. This season is especially treasured because in Fairbanks, winter brings only about 3 hours and 39 minutes of daylight, with the sun usually rising at 11:00 am and setting at 2:39 pm.

Most of us may never witness a summer when the sun barely sets, but we can all experience a greater spiritual light. This light from Jesus never fades. As the Light of the world, He brings us hope and guidance. His light dispels spiritual darkness through His word, His presence, His love, and the gift of salvation. With Jesus lighting our way, we can face life's challenges and overcome our inner faults that dim our growth and vision. We receive this constant light by accepting Jesus as our Savior, following Him, and obeying God's word.

In Fairbanks, people endure long, dark winters. Yet during this time, the spectacular northern lights appear, painting the sky with ribbons of green, red, purple, and white that bring color to the darkness. Similarly, when we go through dark times as Christians, we see how spectacular Jesus is. He reveals His sovereignty, filling us with confidence and purpose, and assuring us that His light guides our steps so we can walk wisely and avoid losing our way throughout our Christian journey.

Dear Father, we thank You that we don't have to walk in darkness.





Scriptures	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
John 8:12	But the path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day. Proverbs 4:18 NKJV		1 Praise Jesus for being the light of the world.	2 Give praise, we do not have to walk in darkness when we follow Jesus.	3 Pray that we recognize that Jesus's light brings hope and salvation.	4 Pray that we allow God to illuminate our lives with His truth.	5 Praise Jesus for being our ultimate source of righteous living.
Ephesians 5:8 2 Corinthians 4:6 1 John 1:7	6 Praise God for the transformation He has brought to our lives.	7 Pray that we walk as children of light.	8 Pray that our lives reflect God's goodness and grace.	9 Give praise, the light of Jesus has dispelled the darkness in our lives.	10 Give praise, Jesus' light shines in the darkest places of our lives, giving us hope.	11 Give praise, in God there is no darkness at all.	12 Pray that we will fellowship with God daily.
Psalms 139:12	13 Give praise even in darkness, God sees and knows how to guide us.	14 Give praise, there is no place or situation where God is absent.	15 Pray that we recognize God guides us through our struggles and fears.	16 Give praise, in our darkest season, Jesus' light reminds us we are never alone.	17 Pray that we realize God will never abandon us.	18 Give praise, no darkness can overpower the light of Jesus.	19 Pray that we realize darkness can't remain where the Light reigns.
Matthew 5:14-16	20 Pray that we surrender every part of our lives to God so we can reflect His light.	21 Pray that we encourage one another to shine brightly in the world.	22 Pray that our lives will make a meaningful difference in others' lives.	23 Pray that we will spread kindness and compassion to everyone we encounter.	24 Pray that our lives will be evidence of God's love.	25 Pray that we realize the best way to reflect the light of Jesus is to share the gospel with others.	26 Pray that we may serve as beacons of hope and inspiration to others.
Revelation 21:23	27 Give praise, Jesus is our light and always will be.	28 Give praise, one day darkness will be gone forever.	29 Give praise, the light of Jesus will guide us to eternity.	30 Give praise, one day we will enjoy the Lord's pure, uninterrupted light.	There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever. Revelation 22:5		