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## *Let There Be Light*

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It's been an unusual couple of weeks here in central KY. During the last week of January, our area received heavy amounts of snow, totaling around 6-7 inches in most places. With that, we had temperatures between 15 degrees and -20 degrees (with wind chill) that stuck around for about 7-8 days.

The snow and ice lasted for about 14 days. Kids in our community and those surrounding us had been out of school for 10 days. The school district in our community has used up all of its 10 NTI days (Non-Traditional Instruction). These days are used instead of taking traditional snow days so that the school calendar isn't pushed back more and more into the summer. They even had to take two or three traditional snow days due to taking some NTI days back when winter began.

Everyone I've talked to over the past few weeks have all said the same thing: "I can't wait for warmer weather." For the first time in nearly two weeks, temperatures started to rise earlier this week in central KY. The snow and ice have started the melting progress, causing the vibes in our small town to get a major boost.

As the sun popped out and everything started to melt, I started thinking about God being our "Light." When God first created the world in the Beginning, Scripture tells us that, "the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep..." (Genesis 1:2a NIV). The Hebrew phrase for "formless and empty" is *Tohu wa-bohu*, and it depicts the earth as a dark, watery, and unformed state – something that is desolate, untamed, and chaotic. It doesn't necessarily mean that it is evil, rather that it is "out of order."

It wasn't until God spoke the words, "Let there be light" (Genesis 1:3 NIV) that we see the beginning of order and structure in our world. God later establishes Day and Night by separating the light from the darkness. Scripture tells us that there was Evening and Morning. We get our first full 24 hour day. Once God spoke, everything started to come into order.

The past few weeks have felt chaotic for many people. Many people have had to adjust to kids being out of school; finding babysitters, scheduling drop-off/pick-up times with daycares (if they were even open), and not to mention, many kids need the structure of a school day to function properly, because there is no structure at home.

Many working people were affected by the weather. Traveling became a struggle. Many people were involved in accidents where salt trucks and snow plows couldn't get to. Even major cities in our area like Lexington and Louisville were not in the best condition when traveling.

But now that the light has come out, and everything has began to melt, things have started to feel normal again. Kids are back in school. Many people are not stuck in their driveways anymore. Road conditions everywhere are improving. All because the light brought order to the chaos. God is good.

I hope to see you at Journey this weekend for a more normal weekend. We'll be talking about how God specializes in doing the impossible. Many of us live in chaos each day. Our lives feel dark, empty and out of order. It feels impossible to get out of the dark and out of the chaos. But there is a Light that can guide us out of the darkness. There is a Light that can bring order to the chaos. There's nothing that our God can't do. God is good.

