

FINISH FAITHFULLY: Shining Where You Are

When the school year draws to a close, emotions often run high. It's easy to feel worn out, overwhelmed, or even unseen. The end-of-year pressure to manage grades, behavior, testing, and transitions can drain even the strongest educators. However, in this season—perhaps especially in this season—God isn't asking you to do more or be all things to all people. It is much simpler than that. Jesus gave us good reminder of our role in His Word.

[Read Matthew 5:14-15](#) and [John 8:12](#).

Who does Jesus say is the light of the world?

How does Jesus describe the light in verses? What is the light's job?

In Matthew 5 Jesus was speaking primarily to His disciples. He explained the nature of the Kingdom of God—how it works, what it should look like, and the character of those who belong to it. When *the Light of the World* lives within us, our callings are simple yet powerful: to shine in the darkness. This doesn't mean shouting louder, competing for attention, or striving to stand out. The Light of Jesus doesn't need to announce itself. It just shines.

[Read Matthew 5:16](#).

Jesus said we are to let our light shine before others. Why?

Both Christians and non-Christians can do good deeds. For believers, however, good works are never about self-promotion. They are meant to reflect the heart of Jesus and put Him on display. Often times “shining” doesn't happen in grand gestures but in the everyday moments—in your patience when tensions rise, in your encouragement when a student feels defeated, in your grace during tough staff meetings, and in the quiet prayers you whisper while walking the halls. These simple acts of faithfulness reflect His light.

How might you “shine” the light of Jesus in your workplace this week?

To finish well is not to finish perfectly but to finish faithfully. Let your light shine where you are, with what you have, for the glory of the One who called you.

Lord, as this school year comes to a close, thank you for reminding us that we don't have to do it all. We just have to shine with the light You've placed within us. Help us reflect Your love in the small moments. Remind us that You are near and that our faithfulness matters. Strengthen us to finish faithfully, shining for Your glory in the place You've called us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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