



# Lighthouse

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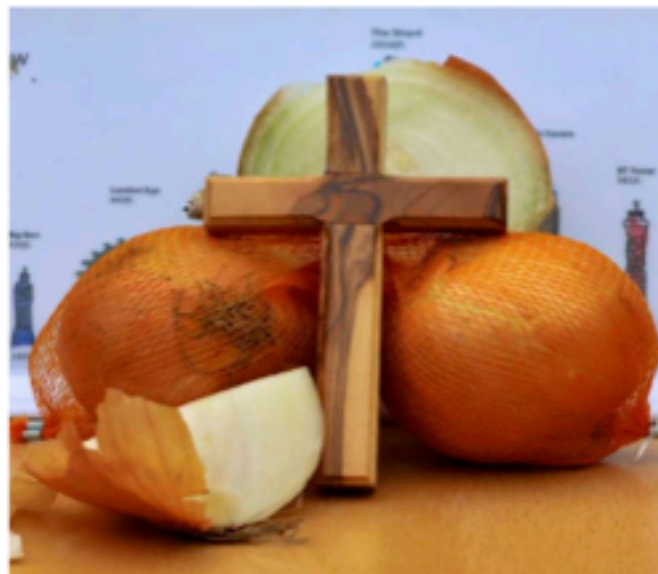
*'To bind up the broken-hearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release from darkness for the prisoners'*

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## Layers of an Onion!

***"I had all that 'Father stuff' prayed into twenty years ago."***

It's the sort of comment we sometimes receive from believers who can't understand why they still don't experience real intimacy with their Creator. They yearn to hear His voice more clearly and feel His presence more tangibly, but despite their faithful practice of spiritual disciplines such as prayer, worship and word it just doesn't seem to happen.



***"I know He loves me 'in my head' ... but I don't feel it with my heart."***

And so the faithful servant soldiers on and puts up with a less-than-personal experience of The Living God; their Father and would-be Friend – maybe because they've not appreciated the truth that ...

### ***Deliverance is a lifestyle, not a quick-fix event!***

Our healing and deliverance starts with a supreme and wonderful encounter: *Being 'born again' as we surrender to the Lordship of Christ* - this is our 'exodus' from darkness to light, from spiritual death to new life in the Kingdom of God (Jn. 3:3-8)

And then our journey into freedom should continue as we appropriate, by faith, the victory that Jesus won for us on the cross; progressively conquering our 'inner-land' as we win it back from the enemy ... step by contested step (Ex. 23:30).

It's a bit like working through the layers of an onion; a journey of tears, testing and triumph as Holy Spirit leads us into deeper God-encounters that enable us to know and really experience the incredible goodness and kindness of Jesus.

So how many layers of your 'onion' has God yet to peel? (We are ALL a work in progress!) Maybe the Lighthouse team can help you push through to a fresh, exciting and *personal* revelation of the goodness of your loving Father ... as Holy Spirit unfolds the next chapter of His plan for your life!

### **Online or Face to Face?**

The Lighthouse is still providing secure, online ministry for individuals whose health concerns or location would make face to face ministry sessions inadvisable or impractical.

And we have now resumed face to face ministry for those who are able to be in the same room as us! Our consistent experience is that God is more than willing to engage with deep needs and issues in either context.

## Lighthouse LOCKDOWN?

Like so many Christian ministries across the UK, The Lighthouse has had to adapt and innovate in order to function and fulfil our vision to minister the good news of Spirit-led healing and deliverance to believers in London, the Northern Home Counties ...

... and beyond!

Though not professing to be digital experts, our new-found capability with Zoom has broadened the reach of Lighthouse ministry activity to wherever there's a WIFI connection.

Zoom has enabled the Lighthouse team to minister the good news of ongoing transformation from Kent to Cambridgeshire during the 'new-normal' of pandemic Britain!

*(All applicants are prayerfully interviewed and assessed to discern whether internet ministry is appropriate to their particular needs.)*

And our 'former' Lighthouse minister, Kitty Marsh (who moved away to Farnborough last autumn) has returned to the team via the internet with the blessing of her new church. So Kitty's back ... and ministering RTF Issue Focus very effectively with Ann Simpson.

Hazel and Andy have received trans-Atlantic 'Advanced' training and personal mentoring in Unbound ... and Suzanne Griffiths has been trained and released to serve as an additional Lighthouse Unbound Prayer Minister.

The Lighthouse remains totally committed to working in partnership with church leadership in support of their in-house pastoral function. No ministry is undertaken without the approval of an individual's priest, minister or pastor, nor without their church leader's commitment to provide ongoing prayer and care after ministry sessions have concluded.

## Poetry to Ponder ...

Amazing grace  
How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

*My chains are gone  
I've been set free  
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love, oh, Amazing grace*

The Earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God, Who called me here below  
Will be forever mine

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

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John Newton (1725–1807).

**If you'd like to know more about The Lighthouse - the ministry we facilitate for churches, or how you might receive ministry yourself - please email Andy at [ajsmith\\_uk@ntlworld.com](mailto:ajsmith_uk@ntlworld.com)**