

BE AN INFLUENCE – Salt & Light

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1. SALT PRESERVES

“Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.” Jeremiah 29:4-7 (ESV)

2. SALT CREATES THIRST

“The woman said to him, ‘Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.’” John 4:15 (ESV)

3. SALT HEALS

“And as for your birth, on the day you were born your cord was not cut, nor were you washed with water to cleanse you, nor rubbed with salt, nor wrapped in swaddling cloths.” Ezekiel 16:4 (ESV)

4. SALT NEEDS TO STAY SALTY

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“...how shall its saltiness be restored?”

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 5:14-16 (ESV)

5. LIGHT SHINES

“You are the light of the world.” Matthew 5:14a (ESV)

6. LIGHT IS NOT TO BE HIDDEN

“A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.”

Matthew 5:14-15 (ESV)

7. LIGHT SHOWING

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16 (ESV)

“Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’”

John 8:12 (ESV)

“Jesus said to them again, ‘...As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.’” John 20:21 (ESV)