

Monday - February 26

You, LORD, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. Psalm 18:28

During our family vacation to North Carolina last summer, we were able to enjoy a family outing to Cape Lookout National Seashore. After spending most of the morning riding ATV's around the island, I decided to take a walk to explore the Cape Lookout lighthouse. First, just the beauty of the lighthouse with its black and white diamond design on the tower was stunning. After touring the inside of the lighthouse, I was able to sit on the front porch of the lighthouse keeper's house. Just sitting there taking in the sights, sounds and smell of the ocean was amazing. I thought about what life would have been like many years ago living there. How very quiet, peaceful and lonely it must have been to live on the small island and to maintain the lighthouse. But what an important job the lighthouse keeper and his family had! They were responsible for tending and caring for the lighthouse, particularly the lamps and lenses that generate the light. This beacon of light was a navigational aid to warn mariners of hazards, helping them establish their position and guiding them safely to their destination.

This reminds me that God is our ultimate lighthouse. God is a beacon of light for my life and for yours. He is a fortress that defends and protects us in times of trouble. His light will never go out or grow dim. In Him, we have hope, we have peace, we have guidance and we have safety.

May we always look toward His light.

Song to listen to: *My Lighthouse* by Rend Collective

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Prayer: God you are the light of the world and you call us to be the light for others. You have always shown us the way from darkness into the light. May Your light and love blaze in us and all the world, today and always. Amen.