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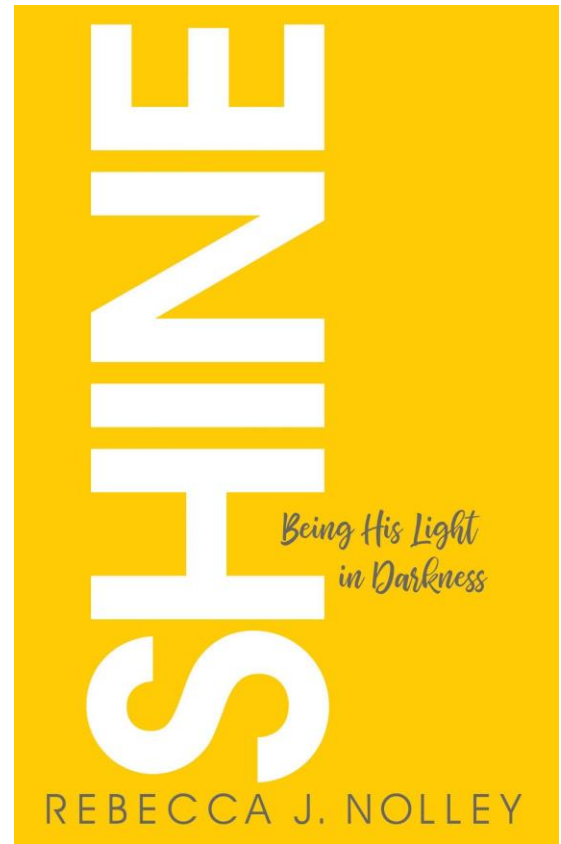
Shine

Being His Light in Darkness

When we look around at the darkness of this world, it's hard to see the light. Jesus declared, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world" (John 9:5). Yet, Jesus is no longer in the world. In fact, it's been over two thousand years since He's walked this earth. So where is the light now?

The truth is that it's in us. As said in Matthew 5:14, "You are the light of the world." *Shine* is an eight-week study into this truth—into identifying the One True Light and learning how to shine brighter for Him. God's light reveals truth, draws others, and exposes sin, and our own light works to do the same. However, it is not so easy because it's a fight against fear, selfishness, apathy, and the harmful impulse to hide one's personal light.

The very concept of light is seen all throughout Scripture, blooming with the first verses of Genesis and concluding with the last verses of Revelation, and it is through this that *Shine* sheds its own light onto God's Word. Rebecca J. Nolley utilizes compassion and inspiration to explore the significance of walking forward as beacons of light and the valuable message that when we shine the light of Jesus into the lives of others, more people will turn to Him, and He will be further glorified. *Shine* begins and ends its study with the Giver of Light and the simple truth that it is through Him and by Him we are able to shine.



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About the Author

Rebecca J. Nolley is a missionary, a pastor's wife, a mother of five, and a teacher. While growing up in Wheaton, Illinois, she took her first mission trip at 14 years old. From that point on, God captured her heart for the world, which led her to multiple countries—from Morocco to Ukraine to Costa Rica. Rebecca, having graduated from Taylor University with a B.S. in Education, loves to teach, and uses her educational background not only to homeschool her

children but to teach women the Word of God. Rebecca currently lives in Gulu, Uganda, where she and her husband of over sixteen years do ministry together under Terebinth Ministries. In her (very limited) free time, Rebecca enjoys running, reading, and having coffee with friends. Though not published, she has written studies and spoken in varying degrees to women from all over the world.

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What Others are Saying About *Shine*

Do you ever feel that the darkness of this world is winning? Rebecca Nolley's study will give you the scriptural wisdom to *Shine* His light in this world. As a missionary from Uganda, and a true Bible student, Rebecca offers a richer perspective than many studies, and equips you to bring the transforming power of the gospel to those who sit in darkness.

—**Dee Brestin, author of *Falling in Love with Jesus and Idol Lies***

This timely and beautiful study has been deeply impactful for me. Packed full of truth, this study reminds us of our true mission—to be lights in this world as we reflect the light of our Savior. I would highly recommend this study to anyone looking for encouragement and refreshment. Rebecca's beautiful writing and wonderful teaching are sure to point you to the true Light of the World.

—**Katie Davis Majors, author of *Kisses from Katie and Daring to Hope***

Rebecca Nolley's Bible study radiates God's great light. If you're looking for a study for your church, your community group, or even for personal use, the godly wisdom in *Shine* will ignite the participant's soul.

—**Aubrey Sampson, teaching pastor, contributor to *Propel Women*, and author of *135 Overcomer, The Louder Song, and Every Other Name***

I love Rebecca's heart for sharing the love of Christ with a hurting world! She makes you feel so comfortable as you travel through the Scriptures together making meaningful stops along the way, learning how to share the light of Jesus Christ with others. You will be blessed as you glean wonderful truths about our Savior through this book.

—**Deb Weakly, President of Help Club for Moms Ministries**

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Suggested Interview Questions for Rebecca J. Nolley

author of *Shine: Being His Light in Darkness*

Q: As a new author whom not many people know, could you tell us a bit about yourself?

A: Honestly, I'm just a regular person—a wife, mother, teacher, and missionary. I grew up in the church, where I started taking mission trips in high school. Those trips fueled my heart for missions and the lost. Since then, I've traveled to many places, including Morocco, Ukraine, and Costa Rica. My family currently lives in Uganda. I'm a certified teacher and love teaching children, including my own. However, my love for teaching has extended to teaching women the Word of God. I teach in a variety of forums, including on the radio, at conferences, and in Bible studies.

Q: What led you to write *Shine*?

A: The Holy Spirit. No, really. I had never even considered writing, until I was on a women's retreat and the Lord prompted me to write a Bible study that contained a missional heart. First I said no, then I cried, but I eventually responded in obedience and made a five-year commitment to the Lord. Even though it was the hardest thing I have ever done, it was also the most amazing. Nothing compares to studying God's Word.

Q: What is the primary purpose of this Bible study?

A: To reveal to women their role in God's mission to bring salvation to all people. We are all called to be lights to the world. What that looks like will be different for every person, but my goal is to help women understand what that looks like for them.

Q: What are three take-aways that you hope women will gain from this study?

A: That they will understand the theme of light throughout the entire Word of God, that they will understand their purpose in being God's light to this world, and that they will move out from fear and live an abundant life glorifying God.

Q: Who is your primary audience?

A: My primary audience is women (though men are called to be lights too). I feel led to speak to women of all ages that are in the church and looking to grow in their understanding of God's Word. I want to encourage

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women that it's not just the missionaries who are called to bring hope to this dark world, and I want to guide them through the Word of God so that they can see for themselves God's heart for the world and His purpose for their lives. God's light shines through all of us, and we all have a mission to be lights.

Q: Why a Bible study and not a book?

A: This is a personal study that will be unique to each and every person. God has called each of us to good works to shine His light into the world, and that is something that can't be dictated in a book but instead by the Holy Spirit. A book conveys your opinion and thoughts, whereas a study guides people through God's opinion and thoughts.

Q: What is the time commitment to this study?

A: It is an eight-week study, with five lessons each week. Each lesson will take an average of 20 minutes depending on what the Lord reveals to each person.

Q: What makes this study different from others?

A: First, I use a lot of scripture because I believe that scripture proves scripture and the whole Bible is unified in its message. Second, I write like I talk and I wanted a more informal tone so that women could relate and feel welcomed into the conversation. Finally, many studies are more inward focused, and while there is nothing wrong with that, I wanted an outward focus on the outpouring of our faith and what it looks like to extend our thoughts, motivations, and actions to include the people around us, our country, and the whole world. "For God so loved the world," not just me.

Q: What has God taught you through this process?

A: God has taught me obedience. When this task seemed impossible, when I had to make sacrifices, when I felt completely inadequate, I just had to walk in obedience to what God had asked me to do. When it all comes down to it, it doesn't matter if this study is successful, if people like it, or how many copies I sell. What matters is that I was committed to His Word.

Q: Do you plan on writing other studies?

A: Yes, I'll continue to write studies that have a missional heart, which will include "Shout", "Show", "Surrender", and "Sacrifice".

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