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Facing the darkness armed with a candle

⁴⁷ While He was still speaking, a crowd arrived, led by the man called Judas, one of the Twelve. He approached Jesus to kiss Him. ⁴⁸ But Jesus asked him,	In the darkness I have God's
"Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"	Correctness is not measured by You shall not follow the crowd. Ex.23:2 Two paths, two destinations. Matt.7:13-14
⁴⁹ Those around Jesus saw what was about to happen and said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?"	Correctness is not assured by Wounds from a friend Proverbs 27:6 Let the righteous strike me Ps.141:5a
⁵⁰ And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. ⁵¹ But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And He touched the man's ear and healed him.	In the darkness I keep God's
⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests, temple officers, and elders who had come for Him, "Have you	Unwise actions need Godly
come out with swords and clubs as you would against	In the darkness
an outlaw? ⁵³ Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on Me. But this hour	God's plans include times All things work tother for Romans 8:28 More than conquerors Romans 8:35-39
belongs to you and to the power of darkness."	Dark times have God's Psalm 23:

Luke 22:47-53

My prayer priorities for this week Rosalie & Jim D

- Ian & Eleanor, Hour of Power M 9
- Barry & Marion T 10

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- W 11 Marina G, Deeper at Diggers
- Jean H, Tony's funeral T 12
- For God to be glorified F 13
- S 14 Paula & Paul, Vote
- Diane J, Go Deeper Q&A S 15

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

- 1. When you were a child, or adult, were you afraid of the dark?
- 2. Why are many people afraid of the dark?
- 3. Why are non-Christians often not afraid of spiritual darkness?
- 4. Why are Christians not usually afraid of death? How can we be less afraid of dying?
- 5. Explain the strange logic of Proverbs 27:6.
- 6. What is the smart answer to Peter's question, Luke 22:49? How can we be assertive about our faith, without being aggressive?
- 7. Did Peter learn his lesson, 1 Peter 3:9?

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