

When the Light Went Out

Timothy George, in a presentation entitled *Unseen Footprints* for Preaching Today Audio, said that while he was a student at Harvard Divinity School, he learned preaching from Dr. Gardner Taylor, a pastor in New York City.



“I’ll never forget those lectures,” he said. “I remember him telling a story from when he was preaching in Louisiana during the Great Depression. Electricity was just coming into that part of the country, and he was out in a rural, black church that had just one little light bulb hanging down from the ceiling to light up the whole sanctuary.

“He was preaching away, and in the middle of the sermon, the electricity went out. The building went pitch-black, and Dr. Taylor didn’t know what to say, being a young preacher,” George said.

“He stumbled around until one of the elderly deacons sitting in the back of the church cried out, ‘Preach on, preacher! We can still see Jesus in the dark.’”

“Sometimes,” George added, “that’s the only time we can see Him – in the dark. And the good news of the gospel is that whether or not we can see Him in the dark, He can see us in the dark.”

What about you? Are you going through a dark and difficult time in your life? Perhaps there are challenges or circumstances that threaten to overwhelm you. Maybe you are in a state of despair, and don’t know where to turn.

Look for Jesus. Whether you can see Him or not, He is there. He sees you, and He is ready to help.

– Beecher Hunter