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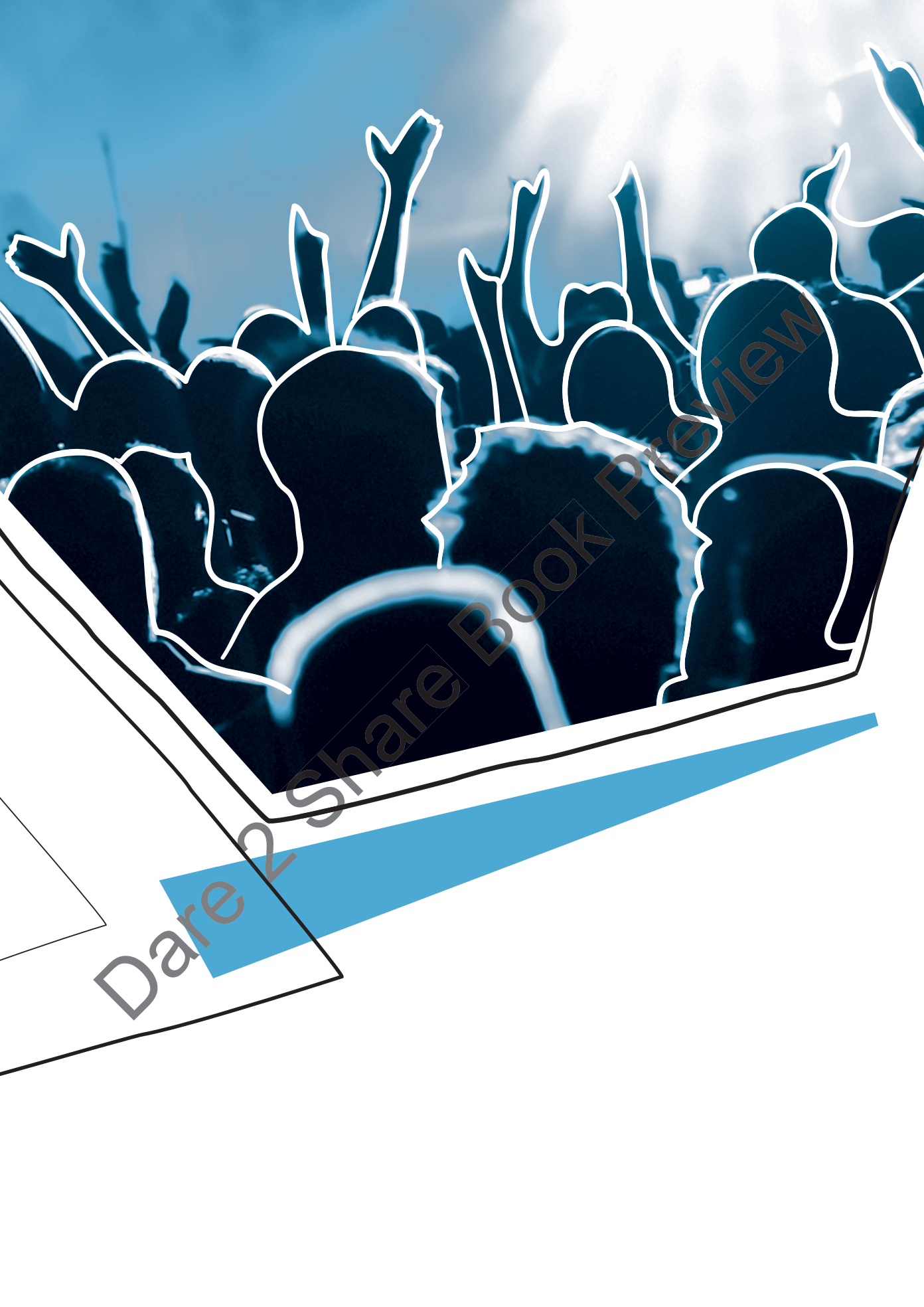
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# THE LIGHT AND LIFE OF THE PARTY

# 1

*In the beginning the Word already existed.  
The Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.*

*He existed in the beginning with God.  
God created everything through him,  
and nothing was created except through him.*

*The Word gave life to everything that was created,  
and his life brought light to everyone.*

*The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never extinguish it...*

*So the Word became human and made his home among us.  
He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have  
seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.*

**John 1:1-5; 14**

## ★ Join the Party!

Have you ever experienced a power outage? Total darkness enfolds everything. Even in familiar surroundings, you fumble and stumble around until you can put your hands on a battery or butane powered light source, or you find a match to strike. Then suddenly the light pushes back the darkness and allows you to get your bearings and find your way.

In much the same way, Jesus shines His light into our spiritual darkness so we can find our way. It's astounding really! John 1 is totally one of those AWESOME passages in God's Word that blows your mind when you really, really think about it! Jesus is the eternal God who created and sustains everything—from the vastness of the universe to the tiny DNA strands that make you, YOU. Yet He came to earth to make "*His home among us.*" Why? To shine His light into our spiritual darkness and rescue us, because of His unfailing love for us!

No matter what you've done, or what's been done to you, Jesus loves you with an immense, unconditional love, and He wants to flood your life with His light.

Across the next 30 days of devo readings, we'll be unpacking 30 key chronological events from the life of Christ. You'll have the opportunity to apply the truths and insights from Jesus' life to your own. As you seek to "Live It Up" for Him across these coming days, my hope and prayer is that you'll experience...

- **The Light of His Teaching...** Jesus is the smartest person who ever lived! He understands you, and He understands God better than anyone else. So it only makes sense that you take a serious look at what He taught and did.
- **The Light of His Example...** Jesus modeled a better way to live. I get that it's sometimes difficult to relate to Jesus' life, especially since it was filled with sheep, fishing and walking from town to town along dusty roads. But when you dig a little deeper, I'm confident you'll find that what drove Jesus and focused His life—things like love, forgiveness, truth, authentic relationship and a heart for the lost and hurting—show us a better way to live.
- **The Light of His Sacrifice...** Ultimately, it's Jesus' sacrifice on the cross that pierces our spiritual darkness, because He paid the penalty for sin. This culminating act of His life on Earth is what makes it possible for each of us to have an eternal, authentic, personal, relationship with God, and to invite others to experience this kind of relationship as well.

Jesus is inviting you to "Live It Up" and get in on the best party on the planet—the one where He is the light and life of the party. So "Join the Party" each day and step up to "Take the Challenge." Because in the end, Jesus' party is the only party in town that really matters!