HELEN SANDERS 7-1-2024 SHINE FOR JESUS

I remember the little song, "This Little Light of Mine." I sang it as a child, and I taught it to my children and those that were in Sunday School. The song was designed to make us think about the light of God within us.

One of the stanzas says, "Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm going to let it shine. In Mark 4:21 Jesus is speaking and said, *"and he said unto them, 'Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? And not to be set on a candlestick?"* 

A bushel most likely was a basket. A basket would hide the light. All of Jesus' answers to being a candle are meant to say a candle is to give off light and not be hidden. God wants us to be light in a dark world. He wants us to share his love with those that Satan has bound in darkness.

Romans 10:14-15 says, "14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a <u>preacher</u>? 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

The word preacher does not necessarily mean someone in a pulpit or out on a mission field. It means to "proclaim." We are each to proclaim the gospel and not hide our light. We are each called to "go" and do this. [Matthew 28:19]

Will you be that one? Will you go when others won't? There are friends and neighbors that need the light within you. Shine for Jesus!