



## Paul

*be Faithful, be Respectful, be Bold, be Faithful*

**Biblical Reading:** Acts 9:3-22; Acts 22:1-29; Acts 22:17-29, Philemon 1:8-22; Ephesians 6:5-9; Titus 2:9

**Related Reading:** George Fox's Journal, George Fox and Margaret Fell Letters

### Lead, Kindly Light

1. Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom, lead thou me on;  
The night is dark, and I am far from home;  
Lead thou me on; Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see  
The distant scene; One step enough for me.
2. I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou shouldst lead me on  
I loved to choose and see my path; but now  
Lead thou me on; I loved the garish day; and spite of fears,  
Pride ruled my will; remember not past years.
3. So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still will lead me on  
Over moor and fen, over crag and torrent, till  
The night is gone; and with the morn those angel faces smile,  
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

*Worship in Song: A Friends Hymnal, #189  
Played by Angelica Garza*

## Writings of George Fox and Margaret Fell

### George Fox

1654 Epistle

If you stand still in the Light that comes from Christ... Power will be given to you from him to forsake your evil deeds, which are contrary to the Light.... Wait in the Light that discovers sin and evil in you, and that will raise up a daily Cross to your own wills when they would run out into the earth...and a Power will arise within to deliver you from temptations, to crucify sin, circumcise your hearts and work out the carnal part in you.

Gates, p. 37

Letter to Lady Claypole, Journal, p. 347-48

what the light doth make manifest and discover, temptations, confusions, distractions, distempers; do not look at [these], but at the light that discovers them, that makes them manifest; and [with] the same light you will feel over them, to receive power to stand against them. The light which discovers, the same light that lets you see sin and transgression will let you see the covenant of God, which blots out your sin and transgression, which give victory and dominion over it, and brings into covenant with God. For looking down on sin, and corruption, and distraction, you are swallowed up in it; but looking at the light that discovers them, you will see over them. That will give victory; and you will find grace and strength; and this is the first step of peace.

Gates, p. 37-38

Now the Lord God hath opened to me by his invisible power how that every man was enlightened by the divine light of Christ; and I saw it shine through all, and that they that believed in it came out of condemnation and came to the light of life and became children of it... This I saw in the pure openings of the light without the help of any man, neither did I then know where to find it in the scriptures, though afterwards, searching the scriptures, I found it.

Truth of the Heart, an anthology of George Fox, by Rex Ambler, #77, page 30.

### **Margaret Fell**

“Now Friends, deal plainly with yourselves, and let the eternal light search you...for this will deal plainly with you; it will rip you up, and lay you open...naked and bare before the Lord God from whom you cannot hide yourselves...therefore give over [give up] deceiving of your souls” Open your heart to the truth.

Quoted in Rex Ambler, *Light to Live By*, p.5.

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### **Reflection from a Quaker Peacebuilder**

*Give what you have.*

*If God has blessed you with a good smile  
Give it to someone  
who is stressed who needs it.*

*If God has given you the courage  
of working with the vulnerable people  
Go with them  
Be near them...*

*Peace has no price.*

*Whatever you feel your heart is pushing you to do for peace  
No matter how little it is  
Do it  
Because you just got today  
We don't know what will happen tomorrow.*

*Zawadi Nikuze  
Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo  
African Great Lakes Initiative*

This Light that Pushes Me: Stories of African Peacebuilders, Quaker Books, 2014.