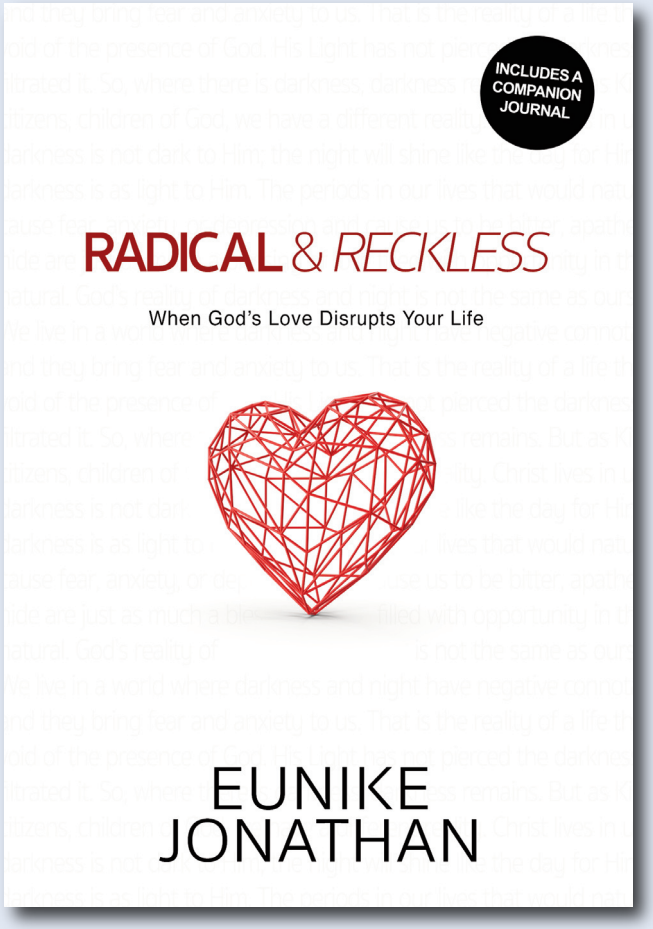


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love even when misunderstood or persecuted (Matthew 5:9-10). This is the Jesus Way: to keep the table open, the door of love unclosed, and to let God's vision become the one through which we live.
Amen. ❑

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## No Such Thing as Darkness with God

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*It's impossible to disappear from you or to ask the darkness to hide me, for your presence is everywhere, bringing light into my night. There is no such thing as darkness with you. The night, to you, is as bright as the day; there's no difference between the two.* Psalm 139:11–12 (TPT)

We live in a world where darkness and night have negative connotations, and they bring fear and anxiety to us. That is the reality of a life that is void of the presence of God. His Light has not pierced the darkness and infiltrated it. So, where there is darkness, darkness remains. But as Kingdom citizens, children of God, we have a different reality. Christ lives in us, and darkness is not dark to him; the night will shine like the day for him, for darkness is as light to him. The periods in our lives that would naturally cause fear, anxiety, or depression and cause us to be bitter, apathetic, or hide are just as much a blessing of love filled with opportunity in the supernatural. God's reality of darkness and night is not the same as ours.

For God, darkness was an opportunity to create! He was there, even in darkness, and he said, "'Let there be light,' and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light 'day' and the darkness he called 'night'" (Genesis 1:3–5a, NIV).

When we read that passage of Scripture, we have to be careful not to misinterpret what God said. He saw that the light was good, but he never said the darkness was bad! He named them both: "And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day" (Genesis 1:5b, NIV).

The day began with sunset! Darkness. Night. Winter. Loss. Whatever may seem "bad" in our lives can be the beginning of a beautiful life and season when we trust in the One who saw darkness and emptiness as an opportunity to create with love… for love. Darkness was where my journey began. ❑