**Series: Sit. Walk. Stand.**

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**Today: Let the Son Shine**

**1. Pursue a life of love.**

***Ephesians 5:1-2***

***1****Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children* ***2****and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

**2. Pursue a life of light.**

IMAGE – ADDRESS BELOW

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**A. Our sexual values are different.**

**Ephesians 5:3-14**

***3****But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God’s holy people.*

**B. Our verbal values are different.**

***4****Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.*

**C. Our financial values are different.**

***5****For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.* ***6****Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God’s wrath comes on those who are disobedient.* ***7****Therefore do not be partners with them.*

**D. Don’t be ashamed to shine!**

***8****For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light* ***9****(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth)* ***10****and find out what pleases the Lord.*

***11****Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.* ***12****It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret.* ***13****But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.* ***14****This is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”*

**IMAGE OF OUR CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHTING SERVICE**

**3. Pursue a life of wisdom.**

**Ephesians 5:15-17**

***15****Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,* ***16****making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.* ***17****Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.*