



Psalm 43:3—Show Me the Way, Lord

*O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.*

Have you ever been in a place so dark that the only way for you to find your way was feeling? Hands out in front of you and then extended to each side of you; every step cautiously taken; eyes straining to see into the darkness, you feel your way along. I remember once being caught in the fog while driving at night in the mountains. I could see neither in front of me nor behind me. It was most unnerving. I prayed for it to lift, or at least for a little break so that I could get my bearings.

Finding our way in life can sometimes be equally as challenging. Haltingly we make our way, watching each step, scanning for hidden obstacles, and wondering at times where the journey will take us. Of course, one can become so accustomed to the darkness that she does not realize the beauty and truth hidden from her eyes. Stumbling to find one's way and traveling down dead-end streets becomes a way of life. Those who don't know they are lost are the most deeply lost. Jesus said in the Gospel of John: *This is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.*

Most of us, though, or at least I like to think that most of us, yearn for the light. *O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling,* prayed the psalmist. Show me the way to follow, we pray. Help me to know what is right to do. Deliver me from this darkness, O Lord. And God has and God does. In the life of Jesus we see the pattern for life that God intends for us. In the presence of the Holy Spirit, who lives within us, our eyes are opened to new understandings of the truth and deeper understanding of what God wants for us and from us in life. Sometimes all you can do is pray and wait, but God will lead you; God will show you the way to follow.