

A MIRROR ON THE MOUNT

Part 2: Salt & Light — Reflecting Influence

Scripture Focus: Matthew 5:13–16

Series: Recalibrate — Term 3: Reflect His Glory

Occasion: Women's Day Sunday

Speakers: André & Leonette

1. INTRODUCTION: THE CALL TO INFLUENCE (5 mins)

(Both on stage together)

- **André:** Welcome the congregation and acknowledge **Women's Day**. Briefly recap Part 1 (The Beatitudes): *Before Jesus tells us what to do, He builds who we are on the inside.*
- **Leonette:** Connect Women's Day to Kingdom influence. Honor the women in the room—mothers, leaders, sisters—by highlighting that Jesus elevates everyone's role in His Kingdom.
- **André & Leonette (Together):** Introduce the core text (Matthew 5:13–16). Read the passage out loud together from different translations.
- **Core Message:** You don't strive to *become* salt and light. If your heart is recalibrated by Jesus, you **are** salt and light. It's about letting that influence out into the world.

2. SECTION 1: YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH

(Led by André with Leonette adding key insights)

- **André (The Teaching):** Focus on **Matthew 5:13**. Unpack what salt meant in the ancient world:
 1. **Preservation:** Holding back decay. In a world full of moral and relational decay, Christians preserve truth, hope, and integrity.
 2. **Flavor:** Salt brings out the best in food. Our lives should bring joy, grace, and life into every room we enter.
 3. **Catalyst:** Salt was used in a combination with donkey dung to become a fire lighter.
 4. **Thirst:** Salt creates thirst. The way we live should make people "thirsty" for the God we serve.
 5. **Mineral:** Salt contains what the body needs.

- **Leonette (Practical Application):**
 - Focus on the home, workplace, and community.
 - *“Women often function as the 'salt' in the atmosphere of a home, a business, or a community—quietly preserving peace, adding flavor through joy, and keeping families anchored in God.”*
- **André (The Warning):** Address Jesus’ warning: *“If salt loses its saltiness...”*
Compromising our identity dilutes our influence. We can’t transform the world by blending in with it.

3. SECTION 2: YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

(Led by Leonette with André adding key insights)

- **Leonette (The Teaching):** Focus on **Matthew 5:14–15**. Unpack the two laws of light:
 1. **Dispelling Darkness:** Light doesn't fight or argue with darkness; it simply exists, and darkness has to retreat.
 2. **Exposing and Guiding:** Light shows people the way out of hidden traps and points them safely home.
- **André (Practical Insight):**
 - Highlight the phrase *“A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.”*
 - *“Light isn’t selfish. God doesn't shine His grace into our lives so we can keep it under a bucket through fear or social shame.”*
- **Leonette (Women's Day Connection):**
 - Speak directly to women who feel invisible or overlooked: *“Jesus says you are not called to live under a basket of fear, comparison, or insecurity. God set your light on a stand so your family, friends, and city can see the warmth and hope of Christ through you.”*

4. SECTION 3: REFLECTING TOGETHER — SALT & LIGHT IN HARMONY (8 mins)

(Dialogue format — back-and-forth between André & Leonette)

- **André:** Salt works *inwardly* (penetrating and preserving hidden spaces). Light works *outwardly* (shining visibly for all to see).
- **André:** Salt speaks of being USEFUL and Light speaks of being VISIBLE
- **Leonette:** Show how men and women, husbands and wives, and the whole church body work together in this rhythm:
 - Salt without Light is hidden and underutilized.
 - Light without Salt can be harsh and unseasoned.
 - Together, salt and light present a complete, beautiful reflection of Jesus.

- **Both:** Read **Matthew 5:16** in unison: *"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."*

5. CONCLUSION & MINISTRY MOMENT (7 mins)

- **Leonette:** A direct, honoring word for women: Pray a blessing over all the women in the church, commissioning them to step boldly into their God-given identity as salt and light.
- **André:** Call the whole congregation (men and women) to a moment of response:
 - *Where have you allowed your 'saltiness' (integrity/flavor) to be diluted?*
 - *Where have you put a 'basket' (fear/insecurity) over your light?*
- **Together (Final Prayer):** Pray over the church to be a City-Changing community that preserves the city with grace and shines Christ's glory clearly into every dark space.