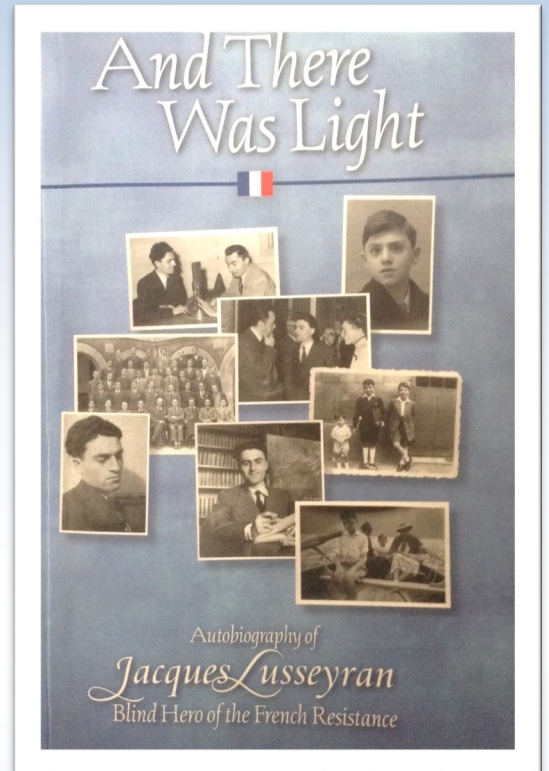


Contemplative Book Study – *And There Was Light*

Beginning in October, the Contemplative Book Study group will be reading *And There Was Light*, an autobiography by Jacques Lusseyran. The book tells the story of a French man who became blind at age 8 and went on to become a leader of the French Resistance during World War II. After he is blinded in an accident, he remembers:

I began to look more closely, not at things but at a world closer to myself, looking from an inner place to one further within, instead of clinging to the movement of sight toward the world outside. Immediately, the substance of the universe drew together, redefined and people itself anew. I was aware of the radiance emanating from a place I knew nothing about, a place which might as well have been outside me as within... . It was a fact, for light was there."

The journey of this young man teaches us much about what it means to live from inner wisdom inside ourselves.



Group discussions will take place in the library at St. Barnabas at 9:45am (following 9am Centering Prayer in the church) on Tuesdays. We finish no later than 11am.

Dates & Chapters:

October 11 | Intro, Chapters 1-4, Discovering the Light Within
November 8 | Chapters 5-12, Friendship and Resistance
December 6 | Chapters 13 through Epilogue, Captivity and Jail

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