



**COMMUNITY
STRENGTHENS
FAITH**



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TRANSFORMS SOCIETY**



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MATTHEW 5:14-16

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BUT,
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A CITY HAS ITS INFLUENCE**

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**CITY MAKING IT'S
INFLUENCE ABROAD**

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What is you

**AS A CITY FOR CHRIST,
WHAT IS THE WAY YOU ARE
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**CHILDREN OF LIGHT
CITIZENS OF HEAVEN**

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CITIZENS OF HEAVEN,
WHAT IS YOUR
CONTRIBUTION TO THIS
WORLD?

Deeds of compassion and service?
A light that shines in your classroom?
In your school?
In your family?
In your online presence? Your
instagram? Your snapchat?
In your conversations?

YOU, child of light, brought out of
darkness, citizen of heaven — what is
your contribution to the world.