Adding Rays of Sunshine

Photoshop Project
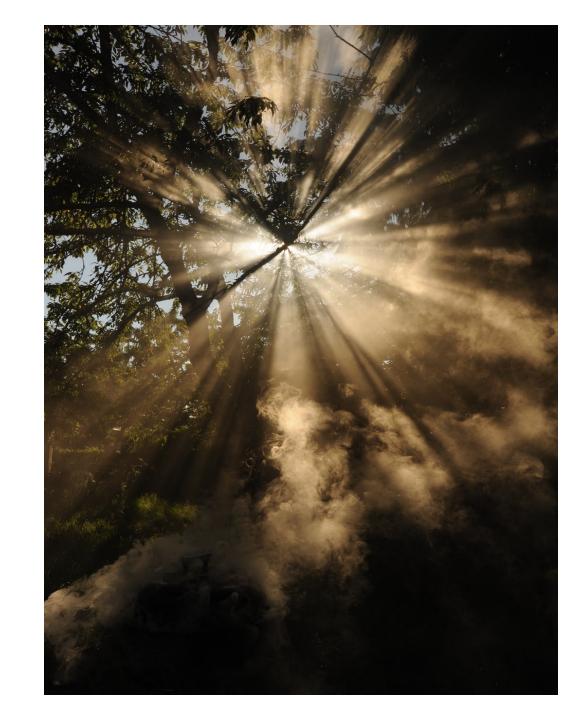
If you've ever walked down a path and seen dappled rays of sunlight spilling through the trees…

Or watched a sunset where it looked like fingers of light were reaching through the clouds...

...then you have encountered what's known as "God's Rays".

Hopefully you're lucky enough to have a camera with you to capture such a fleeting and magical moment, but if you don't... there are ways you can create that magic in your own photos. In this project I'll show you how!
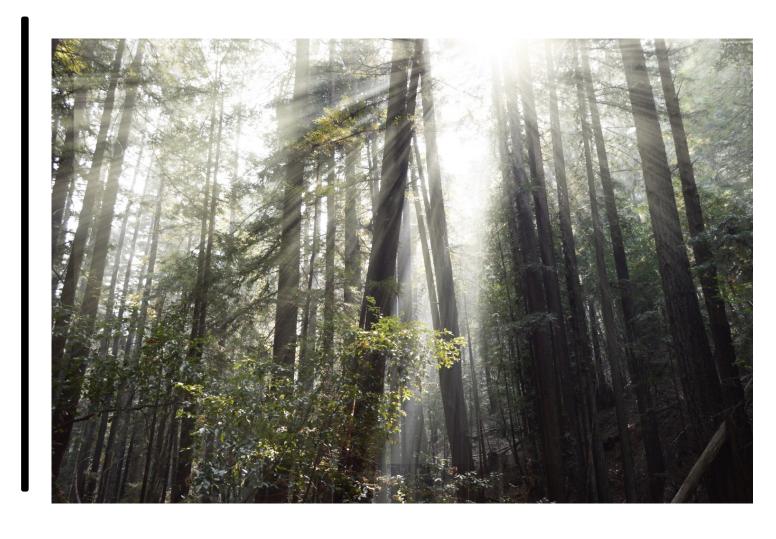
Before

After

Today you will be tasked with taking 3 photos that you can transform into glorious and magical images filled with awe inspiring sunlight.

PRO TIP #1:

Try to take photos with complex and intricate patterns of light and dark. If you want lots of rays of sunlight then you need lots of patches of light and dark!
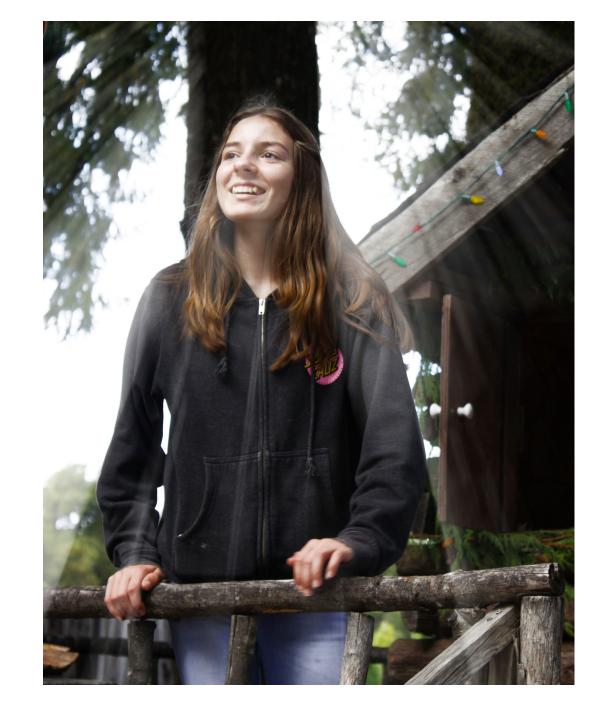
PRO TIP #2:

Consider working with black and white photos! You can take your photo in color and transform it to black and white in Photoshop.

PRO TIP #3:

One photo must include a tree but the other two photos can be subjects of your choosing. Consider taking mystical and glowing portraits of people and pets!

What do you need?

- 3 Photos TOTAL to add gorgeous rays of sunlight to

- 1+ photo of a tree

TIPS FOR SUCCESS:

- Complex and intricate patterns of extreme light and dark work well

- Try for photos that have lot of detail and complex areas

- Try shooting into the sun or light source so you get more extreme lighting and shadows

- Avoid big blank or empty spots

- EVERYONE LIKES OPTIONS…. So take more photos then you think you will need!