



When "The Light" Goes Out

The Dimmer Switch Principle

Proverbs 4:18/ Romans 1:18-32

Saul's Final Failure

1 Samuel 28:3-25/ Leviticus 19:31; 20:6; 20:27/ Deuteronomy 18:9-13

How "The Light" Grows Dim

Five Dimmer Switch Principles

1. If we won't **LISTEN** to God, He won't **LISTEN** to us. 1 Samuel 28:6/ Proverbs 28:9/ Proverbs 1:23-31

- When we obey the OBVIOUS, God takes care of the OBSCURE. Proverbs 16:9
- 3. Great STARTS don't guarantee happy ENDINGS.

Great FAILURES don't doom us to tragic ENDINGS.

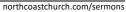
Ezekiel 18:21-24/ 1 Samuel 9:1-2, 15-16; 10:6-7; 11:12-13 & 14:47-48/ 1 Samuel 13:6-14 & 1 Samuel 15

4. When we mess up, we have two choices:

Proverbs 28:13

- (a) **BLAME** others and make **EXCUSES**.
- (b) Take **RESPONSIBILITY** and make **CHANGES**.
- 5. It's never too LATE, until it's too LATE.

Proverbs 1:23/ Isaiah 55:6-7/ 1 Samuel 28:6/ Hebrews 6:4-10





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Life Group Study Questions

For the week of April 10, 2022

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

MY STORY

- 1. Larry talked this weekend about how great failures don't guarantee a tragic ending. Can you think of someone who failed but God redeemed the end of their story? What principles from this weekend's message do you see evident in their story?
- 2. This weekend, we heard that if we won't listen to God, He won't listen to us. Listening is also very important in our relationships with others. Can you think of a time you didn't feel listened to? How did it impact your relationship with the person/people who didn't listen to you at the time and long-term?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. An important part of listening to God and obeying the obvious is knowing what He has said in His Word. Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible, and in it, God's Word is referred to over 150 times. As you read the following verses, underline anything that describes the psalmist's attitude and appetite toward God's Word.

Psalm 119:9-16, 20, 24, 47, 72, 97, 103, 105

- ⁹ How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.
- ¹⁰I seek you with all my heart;
- do not let me stray from your commands.
- ¹¹I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.
- ¹² Praise be to you, LORD; teach me your decrees.
- 13 With my lips I recount
 - all the laws that come from your mouth.
- ¹⁴I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.
- ¹⁵ I meditate on your precepts
- and consider your ways.
- ¹⁶I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.
- ²⁰ My soul is consumed with longing for your laws at all times.
- ²⁴ Your statutes are my delight;
- they are my counselors.

 47 for I delight in your command
- ⁴⁷ for I delight in your commands because I love them.
- ⁷²The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.
- ⁹⁷Oh, how I love your law!
 - I meditate on it all day long.
- 103 How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
- ¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp for my feet,
 - a light on my path.

TAKING IT HOME
1. Are there any steps you can take to better learn and engage with God's Word and hear His voice well through Scripture?
2. Looking back on this week's sermon and study, what's most important for you to remember?
PRAYER REQUESTS
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