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Lighting Our Torch

Dear Pastor,

I (Daniel) have been leading a discipleship study with a young man in my local church. In our study last week, we studied Isaiah 50:10-11. When looking at these verses, I couldn't help but see some parallels to our current situation.

The illustration from the study was using a fire made by God to light our torches and guide our paths in His ways. The principle is that those that walk by God's light are obedient. Some reject God's light and choose to create their own. Regarding those that light their own torch, Isaiah 50:11 proclaims that they "shall lie down in sorrow."

The culture around us tells those in our churches to use and light their own "torch" by deciding what's right for them. Some ways this occurs is through the promotion and use of pornography, sexual promiscuity, promotion of using one's chosen personal pronouns, abortion, etc.

Sin causes sorrow. When we choose the flesh by sinning, we experience sorrow in our lives. We can look around our culture and see the results of sin. As a result of pornography's growing influence, we see an increase in false intimacy and divorce. Sexual promiscuity has led to a record high number of children in fatherless homes, as well as broken lives of those involved. The promotion of using one's chosen personal pronouns has caused our youth to be confused about who God made them to be at the most basic level, leading to increased rates of mental illness and suicide ideation. By murdering more than 63 million babies through abortion our country has experienced, among other consequences, the fallout of a worker shortage and an eroding tax basis. Every time our culture chooses to follow self over God, the result is sorrow.



As a pastor, you have an opportunity to point your church to choose God's way over the culture's. A book that has helped me in addressing cultural issues through God's light is *Politics According to the Bible* by Dr. Wayne Grudem. We're excited to have Dr. Grudem join us for one our virtual "Lunch with a Purpose" events next Wednesday (10/26). Be encouraged by Dr. Grudem in your ministry as you exhort your congregation to walk in obedience to God's light. Join us by registering [HERE](#).

Thank you for your faithful ministry.



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PS: You've probably been contacted by our team regarding our Honor God election resources. If you haven't already signed up for our educational, Christ-centered toolkit, you can do so [HERE](#). We seek to encourage your church family to honor God with their vote in this election and every election. We are still looking to pay individuals to get these resources in churches. If you or someone in your church would be a good fit, please send them my way.,

PPS: We only have three more community events this year! We hope you will join us if you live near Eau Claire, Oshkosh, or La Crosse. Our event, "Your Backyard: *Own It!*," equips Christians to own their backyard for Christ's glory. We hope you and some of your church family can join us. Click [HERE](#) for details and to register for any of our upcoming events.