

# The Problem with Eli

What went wrong?



**Eli loved God...but he didn't hold his sons accountable.**

**Abstaining from sin is not enough.  
That's only where it starts.**

**You are the light of the world.**

—Matthew 5:14

**Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”**

—John 8:12

**As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.**

—John 17:18

**For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.**

—John 3:16-21

**Light is useless if it is not  
shining.**

**Ezekiel 3 tells us that we have moral responsibility to call out sin.**

# The Problem with Us

- What has happened to our country?
- Has it become worse? Solomon would beg to differ (Ecclesiastes 7:10).
- Forcing people into slavery was never Biblical (1 Timothy 1:10).
- Racial segregation was never right (Galatians 3:28).



# The Problem with Us

- Sexual immorality has never been righteous in the eyes of God (1 Corinthians 6:9).
- The perversion of justice has always been wrong (Deuteronomy 10:17).
- We have a moral obligation to call out sin...but we don't do it.

**We need to turn the light on  
again.**

# Turning the Lights On

- LIGHT THE FIRE! DO NOT BE AFRAID! (2 Timothy 1:6-7).
- Stop showing partiality in our condemnation of sin! (Job 34:17-19)
- Make sure our lives truly reflect God's character (Philippians 2:12-16)