



"Hazard Lights"

Dashboard Lights Series

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*"The Lord God of their fathers sent **warnings** to them by His messengers, rising up early and sending them because He had compassion on His people."* 2 Chronicles 36:15

*"Now Abel kept flocks and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast." Genesis 4:2*

- *"Then the Lord said to Cain, 'Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted?'" Verse 6*
- *"But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it." Verse 7*
- *"Now Cain said to his brother Abel, 'Let's go out to the field.' While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him." Verse 8*

Some of the warning lights God gives us:

1) **HIS WORD**

2) **EXAMPLES OF OTHERS**

- *"Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother." 1 John 3:12*
- *"Woe to them! They have taken the way of Cain." Jude 11*

3) **WORDS OF SOMEONE** in your life

*"Wounds from a friend can be **trusted**." Proverbs 27:6*

4) **COINCIDENCE**

### C3 Group Questions

**Accountability:** Were you at church on Sunday to grow & learn? Did you read/listen to the Bible & pray this week on a regular basis? If so, share what stood out to you in your time with God?

**Ice Breaker:** Tell about a time where a fire or burglar alarm went off. What caused the alarm to go off & what did you do? What did other people do?

**Review:** What one thing stood out to you (either helpful, insightful or troubling) from the weekend's message?

#### **Group Discussion:**

Have you ever had a warning light come on your vehicle's dashboard?

If so, what did you do: Pull over; Keep driving; Drive to a place to get it repaired; Put tape over the warning light so you don't have to see it anymore; Something else?

What's the purpose of a warning?

Read Genesis 4:1-12. How is what God says to Cain in verse 7 like a warning light?

Did Cain heed the warning God gave him? If not, what was the outcome for Cain's brother Abel? What was the outcome for Cain?

Think back in your life. What warnings were you given that you did not listen to? It could be warnings from a parent, a teacher, a coach, a boss, a spouse, a policeman, or someone else.

What was the outcome?

Have you ever given someone a warning? How did they respond? If they didn't respond the right way, how did it make you feel?

How do you think God feels when we don't listen to His warnings?

Mark mentioned, in his weekend message, 4 different warning lights God gives us: His Word (the Bible); Examples of others; Words of someone; Coincidences. Are there any of these warning lights that God has used to try to get your attention? Did you respond to His warnings? Why or why not?

How can this group pray for you this week? Who in this group can you pray for this week?

**Next Steps:** (*"Do not merely listen to the word.....Do what it says."* James 1:22)

- This week, examine your life to see if God's been dealing with you by giving you a warning light on some area of your life. If so, draw close to God & allow Him to deal with the issue in your life that He's warning you about. The warning light is there to help & protect you!