

# Incremental Compromise

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Playing with Sin

Little by Little

Until it Ruins You

Incremental:

*A little bit  
at a time*

Compromise:

*Playing with sin  
against God's word*

**If you cheat a little today  
and a little tomorrow ...**

**will your diet, exercise  
program, or GPA last?**

# Look at this Blessed Man - 1

And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there.

Genesis 11:31

# Look at this Blessed Man - 2

So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.

Genesis 12:4-5

# Look at this Blessed Man - 3

And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents.

Genesis 13:5



# Look at this Blessed Man - 4

And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar.

Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.

Genesis 13:10-11

# Lot Had Blessings & Opportunity

- Abraham became his protector after his father died.
- He was the beloved nephew of the *Friend of God*.
- His estate and household had grown considerably.
- His uncle let him choose where he wanted to live.
- He chose the most prosperous city and area around.

**Lot had many blessings  
and opportunities.**

**Lot could be great.**

# But Here Is How Lot Ended Up! - 1

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Genesis 19:36

# But Here Is How Lot Ended Up! - 2

- He committed incest and impregnated two daughters.
- He was living in a cave with nothing of his estate.
- He lost his wife, three daughters, and their husbands.
- He lost his house, job, and reputation ... everything.
- He has been known as a loser for the last 4000 years.



How did this  
happen?

How could a man  
with so many  
blessings and  
opportunities  
fail so badly?



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**Incremental  
Compromise!**

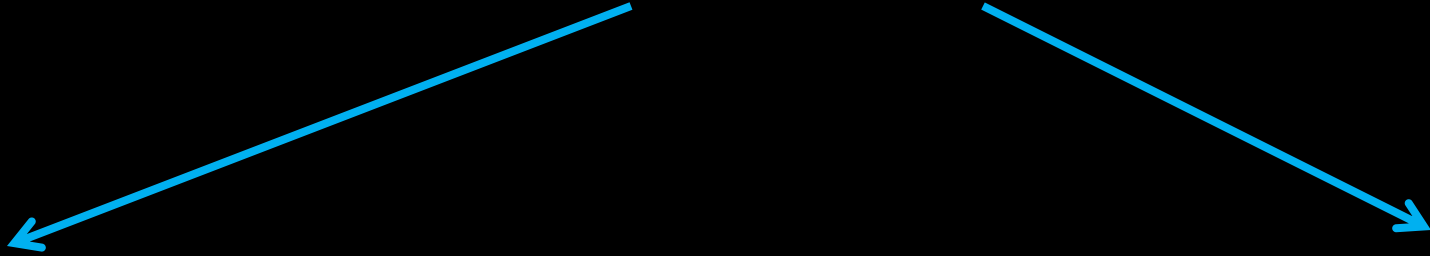


Playing with sin  
little by little!

How did Lot go  
from here to here?

Godliness

Destruction



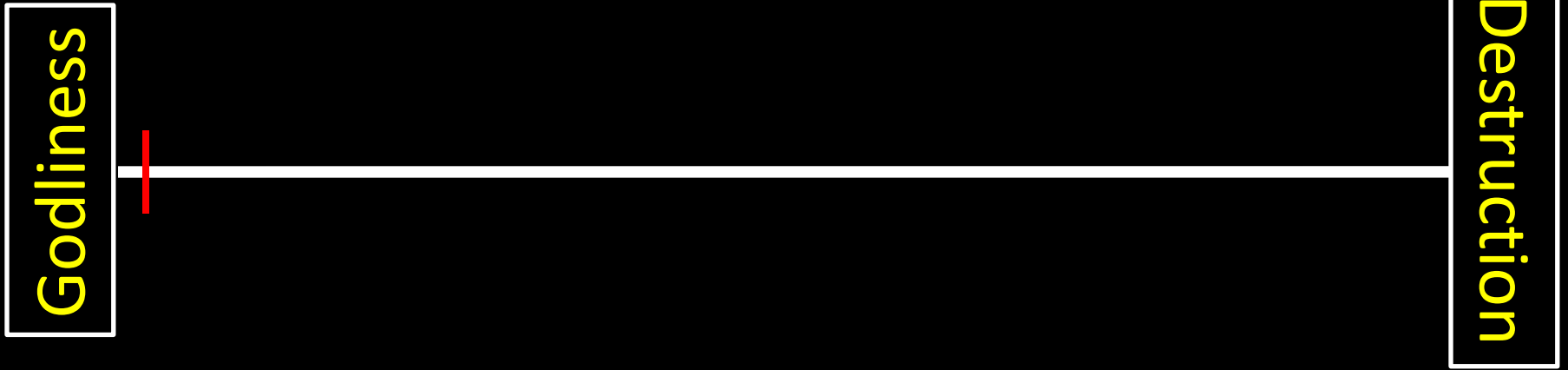


**Did his life  
blow up  
in one day?**

**Did he choose  
in one day  
to lose everything  
and embrace incest?**

**Did he ever think  
in his wildest dreams  
he could end up  
as he did?**

It Starts with a little Compromise




Just a little Compromise!


Godliness

Destruction





But sin is not  
happy with a little  
compromise ...  
tomorrow!

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It wants a little  
more to get the  
same pleasure!

And guess what?

Three enemies  
work against you!



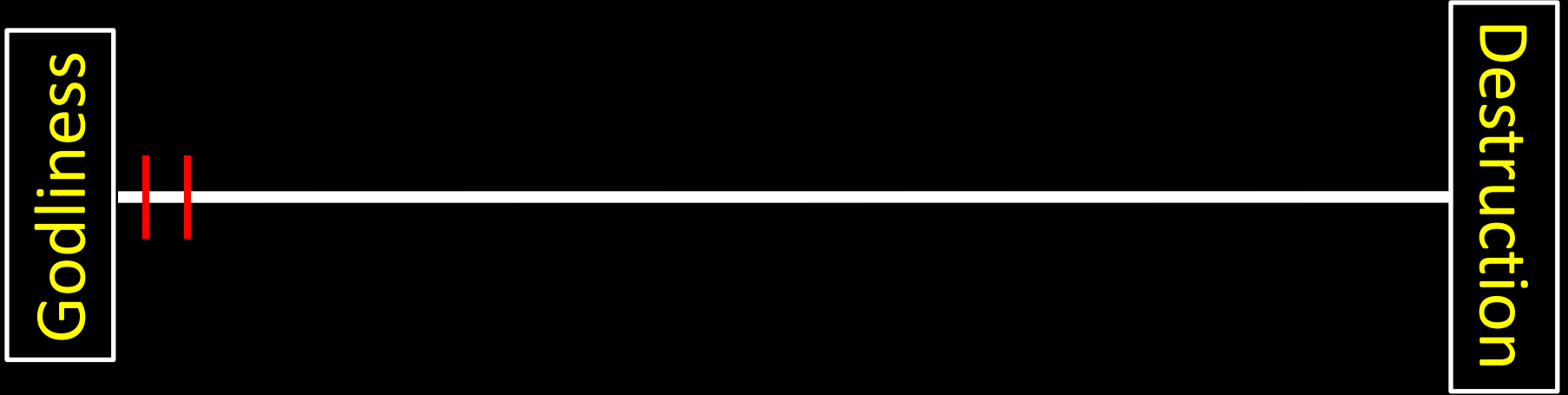


Your flesh!

The world!

Satan!

Then Just a Little More Compromise!



**The compromise is  
sweet and pleasant!**

**There is no judgment!**

**There is no warning!**

**There is no trouble!**

**No one knows!**

**This little compromise  
is surely okay.**

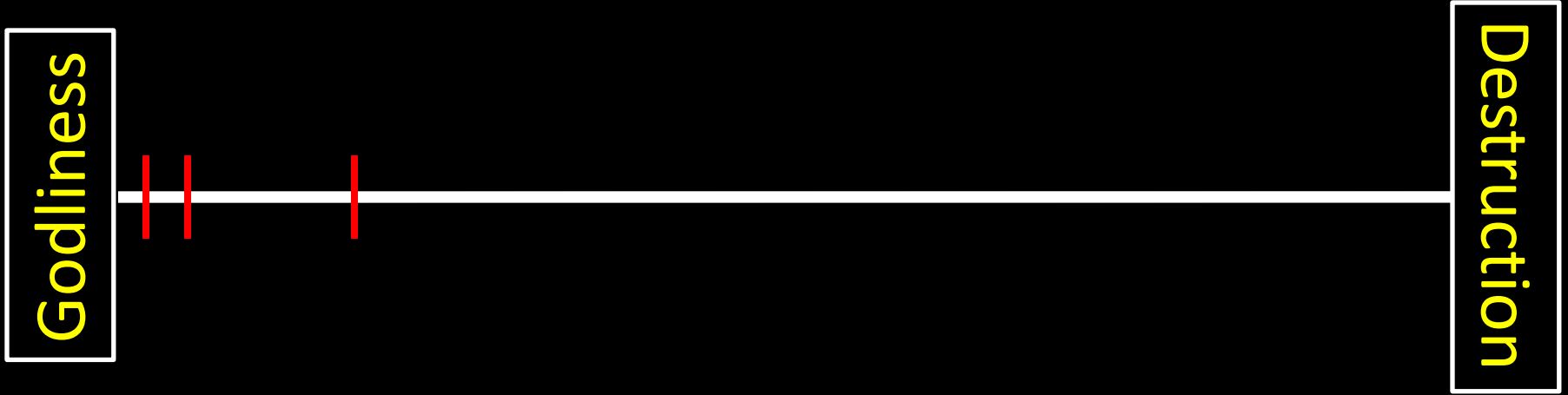
**It is so sweet  
and pleasant!**

**It is so easy  
and comfortable ...**

**... why did I ever  
fuss and worry  
about strict living  
like some?**



Then Some More Compromise!



**This is great!**

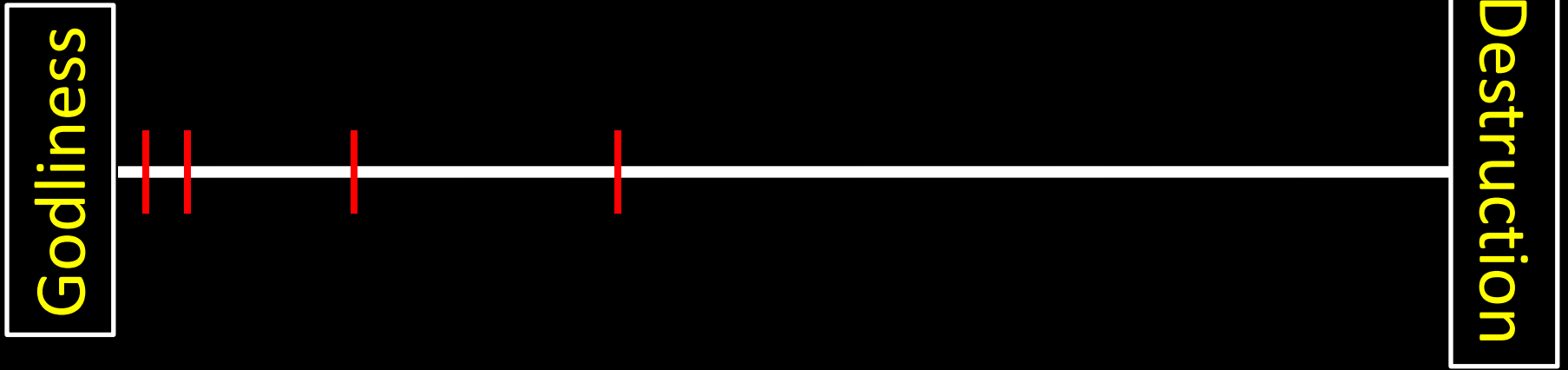
**I can be a Christian and  
have a little fun, too!**

**Everything in my life  
is going very well!**

**God is not  
nearly as strict  
as some think He is.**

**I have more peace  
in my life right now  
than ever before!**

Then More Compromise!



**You now expect the  
pleasure you have  
allowed yourself.**

More Compromise!

Godliness

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**Your sin is now a habit!**

**You are addicted!**

**You cannot live  
without it!**

**You will sacrifice for it!**

Much Compromise!

Godliness

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**You are blinded!**

**You are hardened!**

**Your conscience can  
barely be heard!**



**You resent being told  
what to do or warned!**

**You plunge to deeper  
depths of the sin  
for there is nothing  
restraining you!**

**Life is good ...  
it is so much fun ...  
and success happens ...  
to you on many sides!**

**Life is good ...  
being a Christian ...  
playing with sin ...  
and reaping rewards!**



**Boom!**

**Your life falls  
apart in one  
big event ...**

**Or it falls apart in  
a succession  
of events.**

**You did it!**



**You destroyed  
your life ... it  
could have  
been great!**

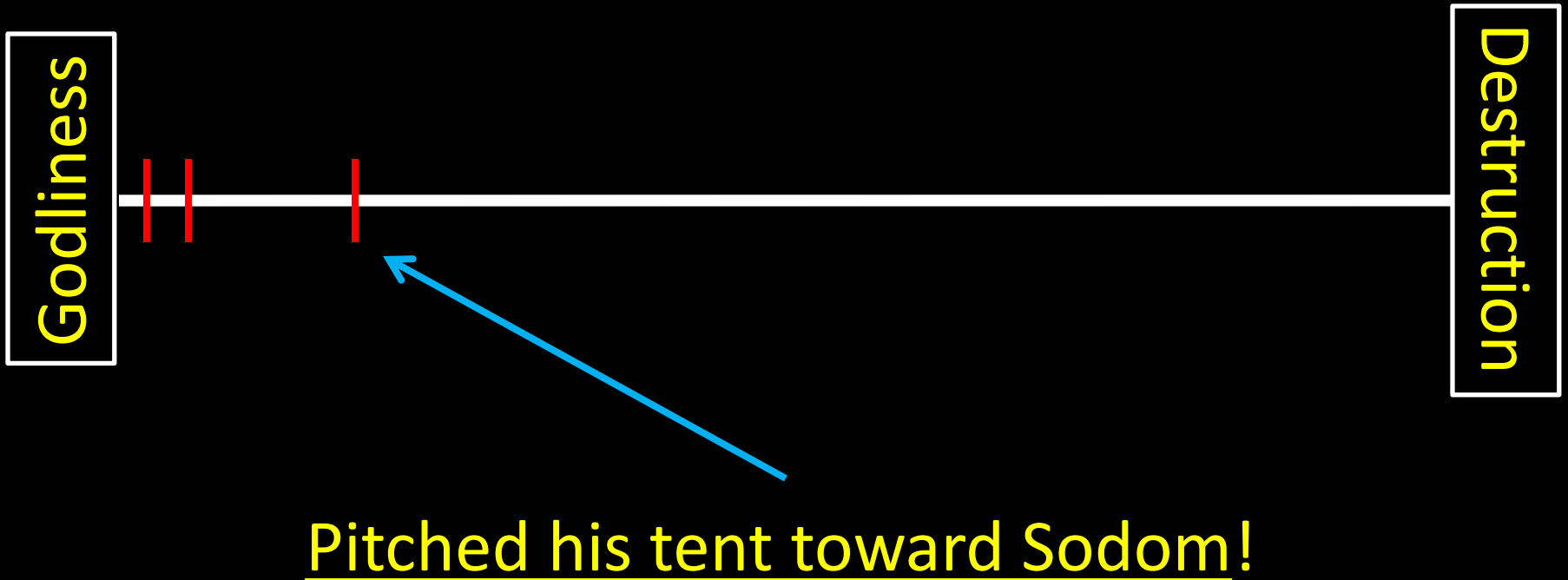
**You destroyed  
yourself by  
playing with sin!**

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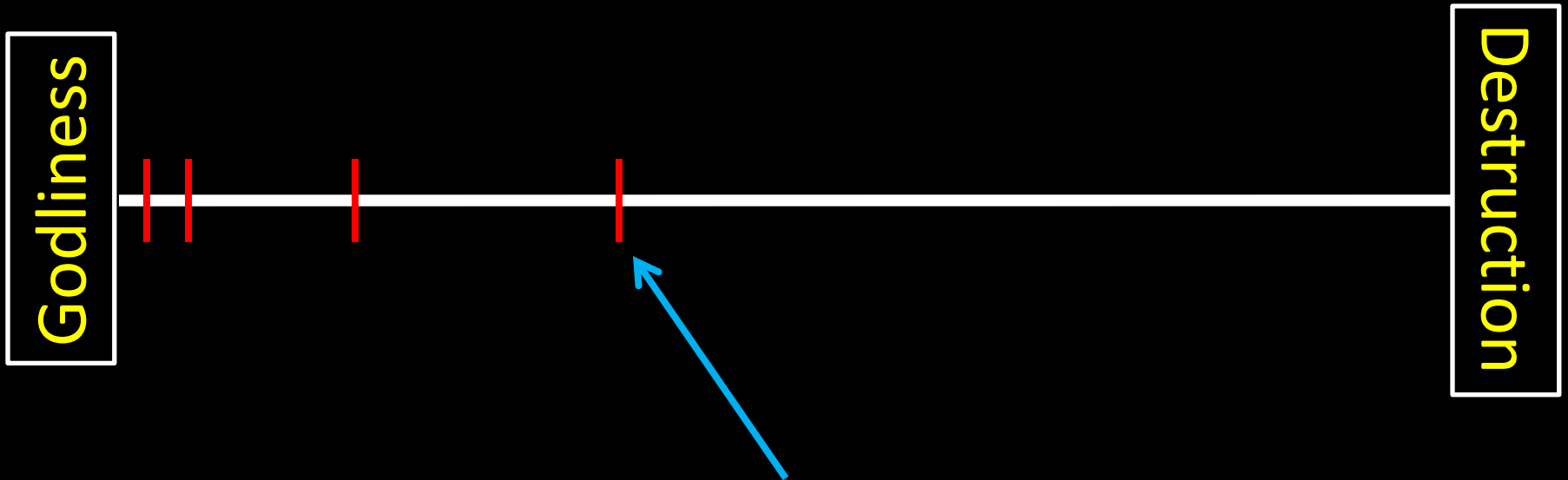


Thought lots about making money!

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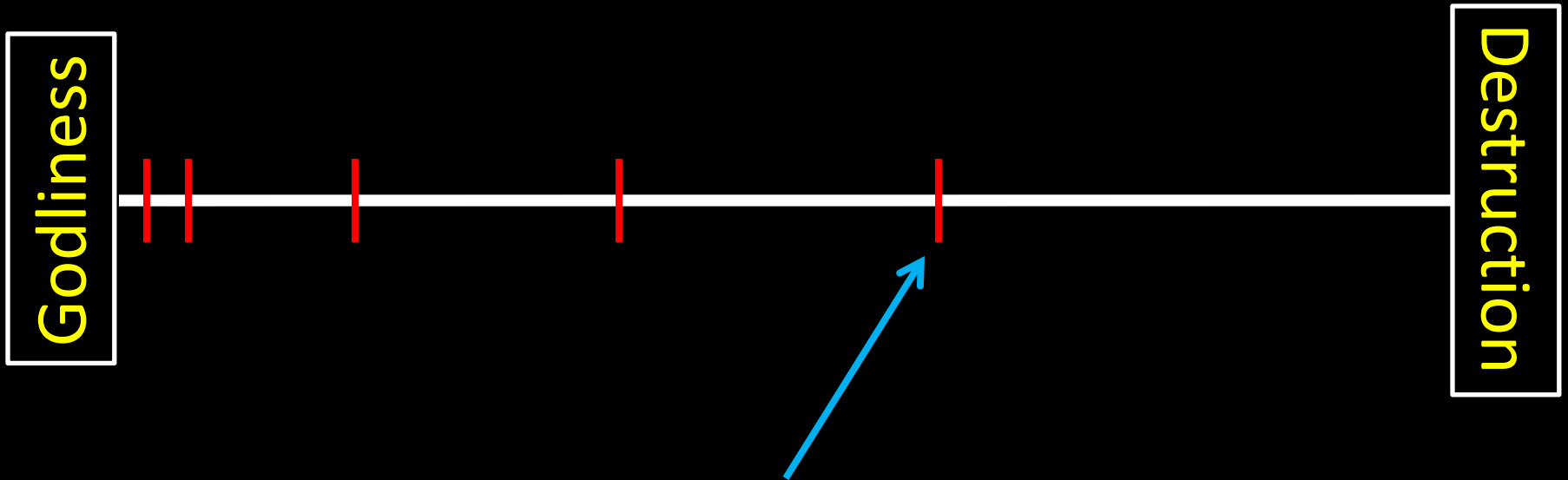


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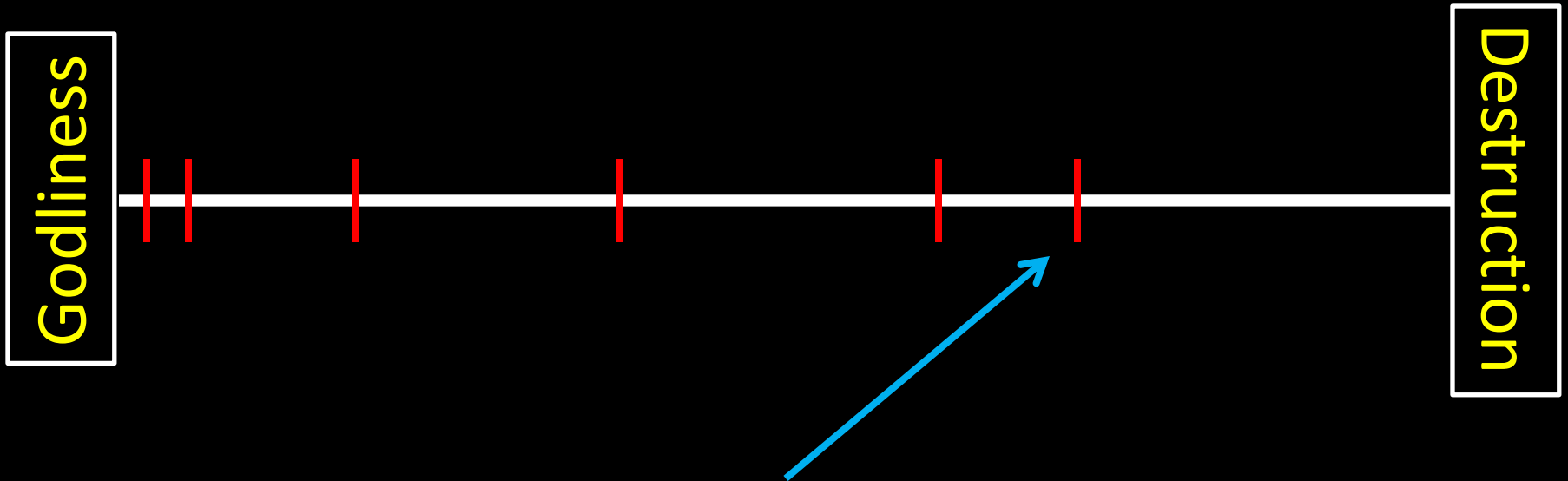
Got a television with Sodom Cable!

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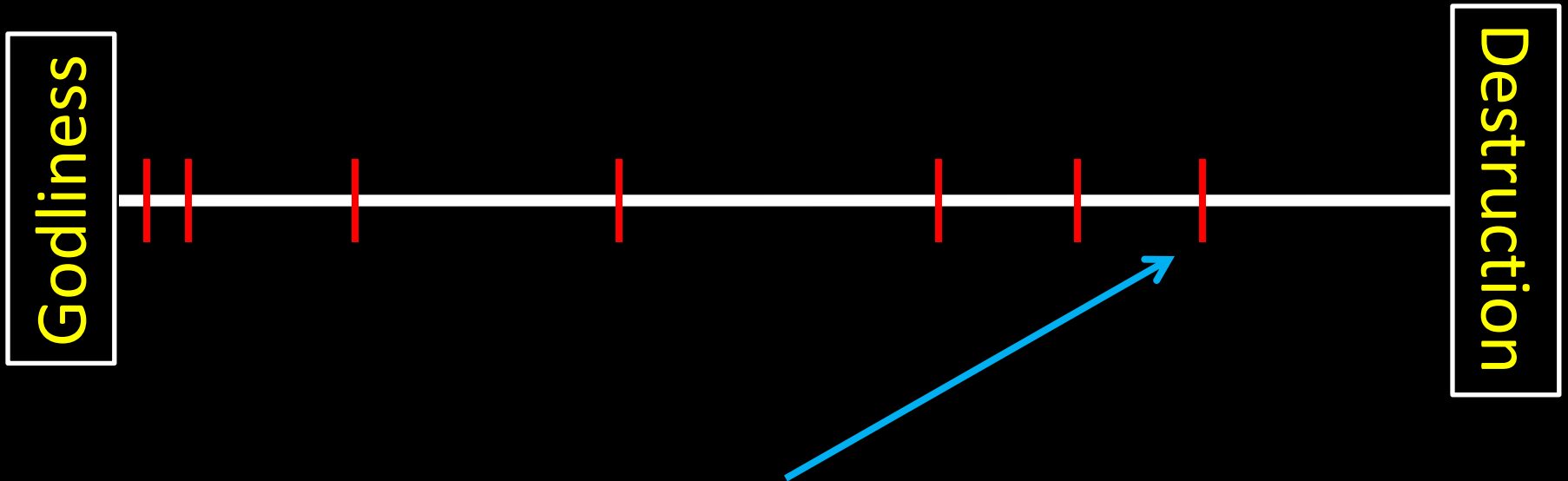
Let kids have friends at school!

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Stopped having devotions with family!

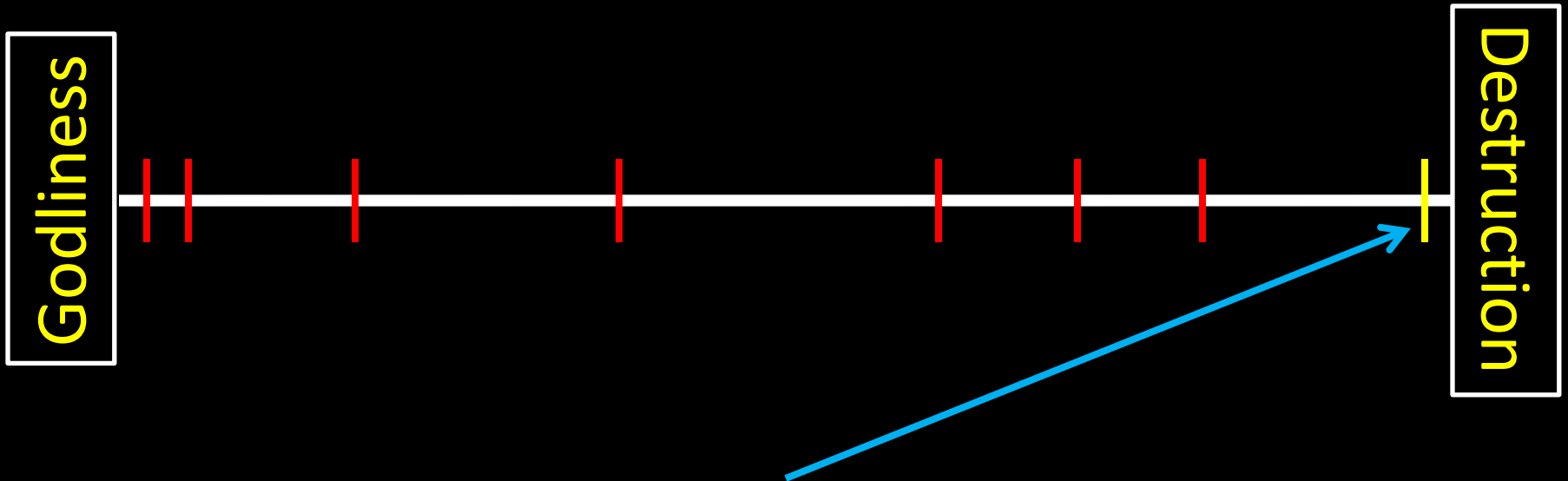
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Let kids marry city council members' kids!



# Here Is How Lot Destroyed Himself!



Lot was very convicted ... but did not reverse!



**Boom!**

**Lost his wife!**

**Three daughters  
and husbands  
destroyed!**

**Estate lost!**

**Profession lost!**

**Two daughters  
pregnant by  
incest!**

**Reputation lost!**



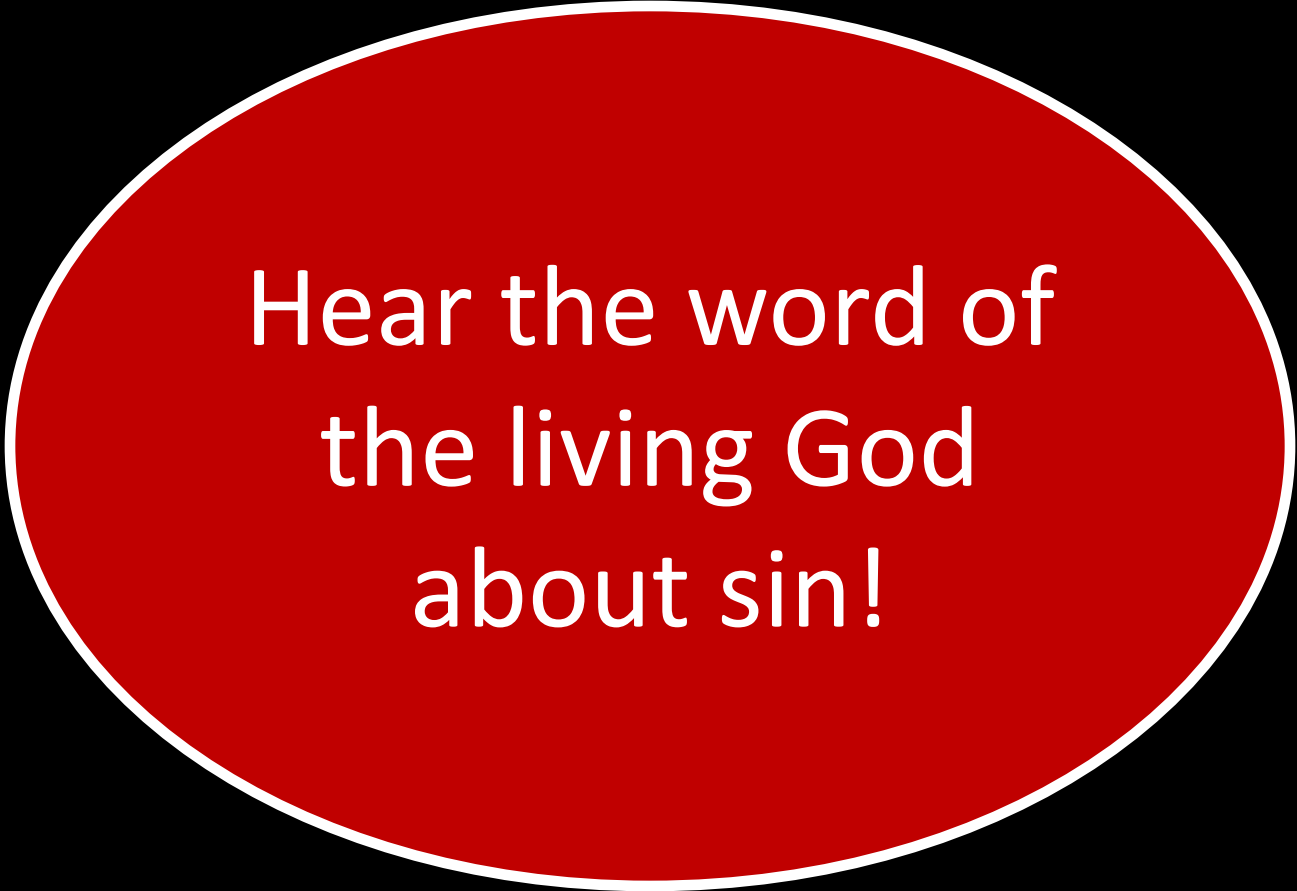
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Hear the word of  
the living God  
about sin!

Sin lies!

You are a stupid  
fool to believe it!

# Sin Is Deceitful - 1

12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Hebrews 3:12-13

# Sin Is Deceitful - 2

That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

Ephesians 4:22

# Sin Is Deceitful - 3

For sin, taking occasion by the commandment,  
deceived me, and by it slew me.

Romans 7:11



# Sin Is Deceitful - 4

For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

Titus 3:3

# Sin Is Deceitful - 5

If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

James 1:26



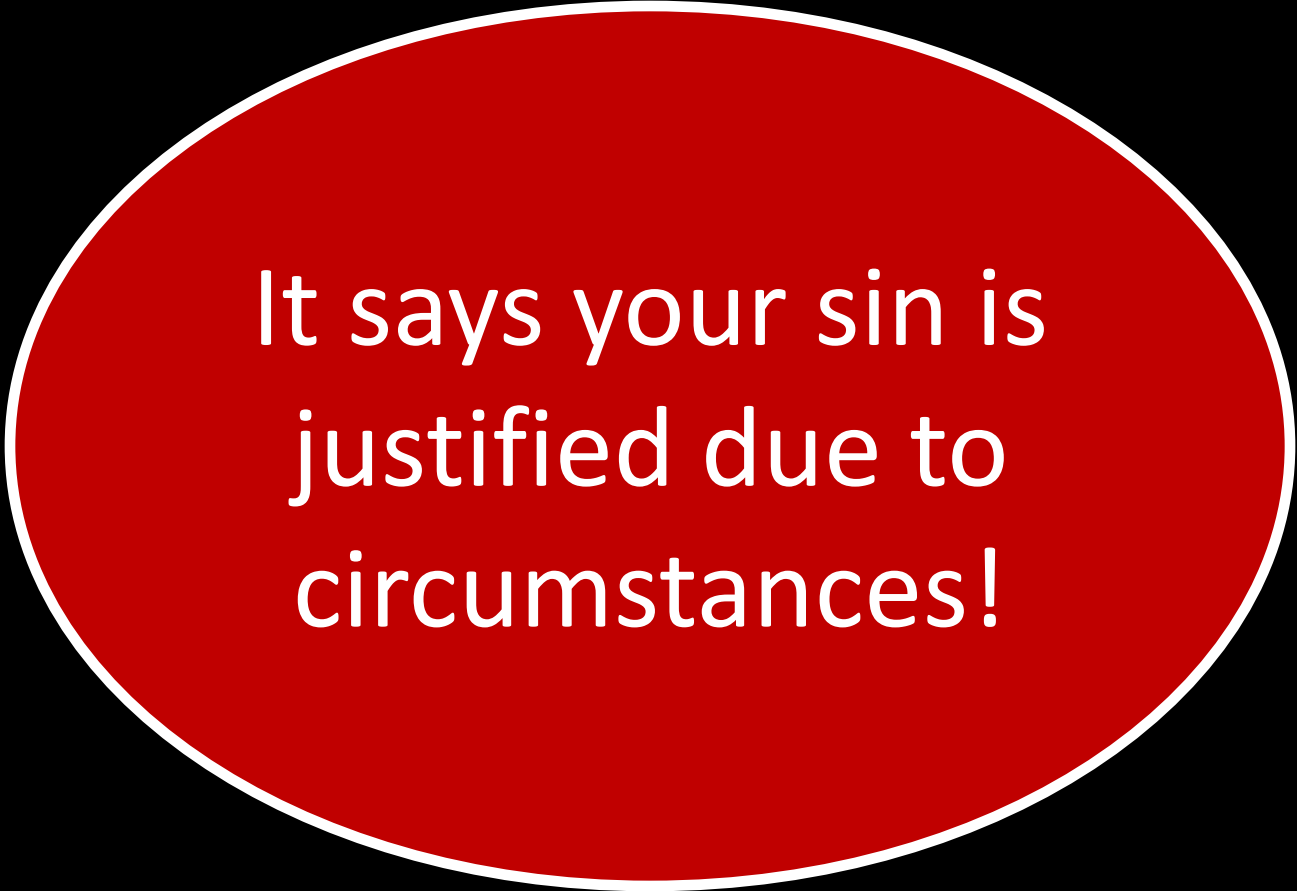
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It says a little sin  
will not hurt you!



It says it will be  
your little secret!

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It says your sin is  
justified due to  
circumstances!



It says your sin is  
too hard to resist!



It says you can  
confess it later!





It says the good  
things you do  
cover for it!

**If chastening or ruin has  
not come yet ... it is not  
that you are an exception  
... God is waiting for a  
bigger BOOM!**



**Boom!**

# What Sins Are Lying to You? - 1

Fornication

Worldly Friends

Lazy

Bitterness

Pornography

Contentions

Child Training

Television

Lying

Hospitality

Drunkenness

Disrespectful Wife

# What Sins Are Lying to You? - 2

Complaining

Dishonoring Parents

Pride

Harsh words

Unthankful

Overspending

Under-saving

Filthy Home

Defrauding

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**Why do you think you  
can get away with sin?**

**Hear the word of the  
living God about you  
getting away with sin!**



# Getting Away with Sin? - 1

But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out.

Numbers 32:23

# Getting Away with Sin? - 2

Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.

Proverbs 11:21

# Getting Away with Sin? - 3

These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes.

Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.

Psalm 50:21-22

# Getting Away with Sin? - 4

But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

Luke 12:20

# Getting Away with Sin? - 5

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Galatians 6:7

**You say ...**

**Show me the Examples!**

**Hear the word of the  
living God of examples  
He ruined for their sins!**

# Example #1 - Lot

Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.

Genesis 19:36



## Example #2 - Achan

So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah was taken: And he brought the family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zarhites: and he brought the family of the Zarhites man by man; and Zabdi was taken: And he brought his household man by man; and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

Judges 7:16-18

# A Few More Examples! - 1

Cain

Abram & Hagar

Esau & Hittite Girls

Dinah at Mall

Judah & Tamar

Korah's mouth

Eli & Sons

Men of Bethshemesh

Saul & witch

Saul's impatience

Saul & Amalekites

Amnon

# A Few More Examples! - 2

David

Absalom

Adonijah

Ahab

Jehoshaphat Affinity

42 Children

Gehazi

Haman

Belshazzar

Jonah

Judas

Peter

Regathered Jews

Sapphira

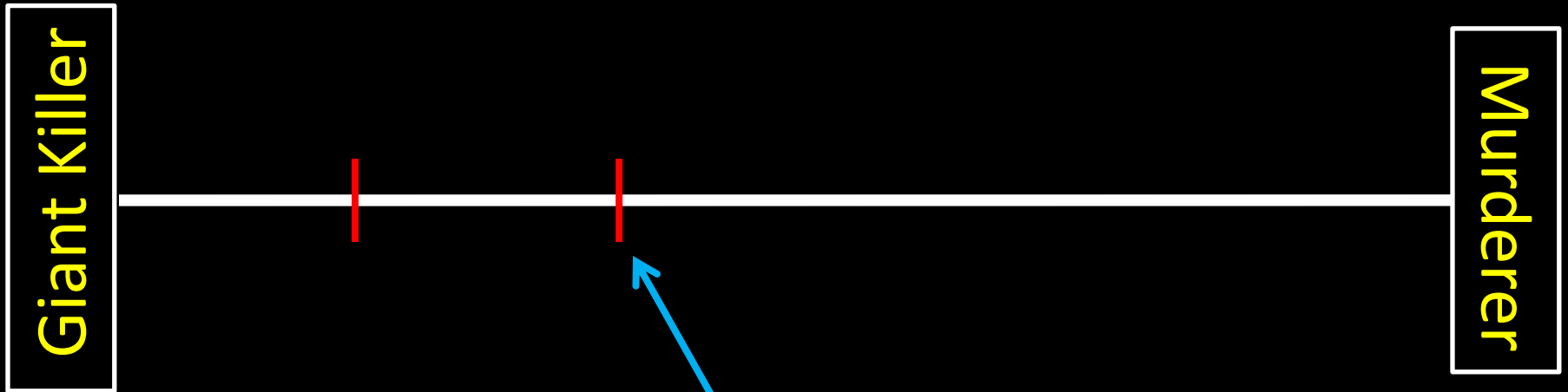
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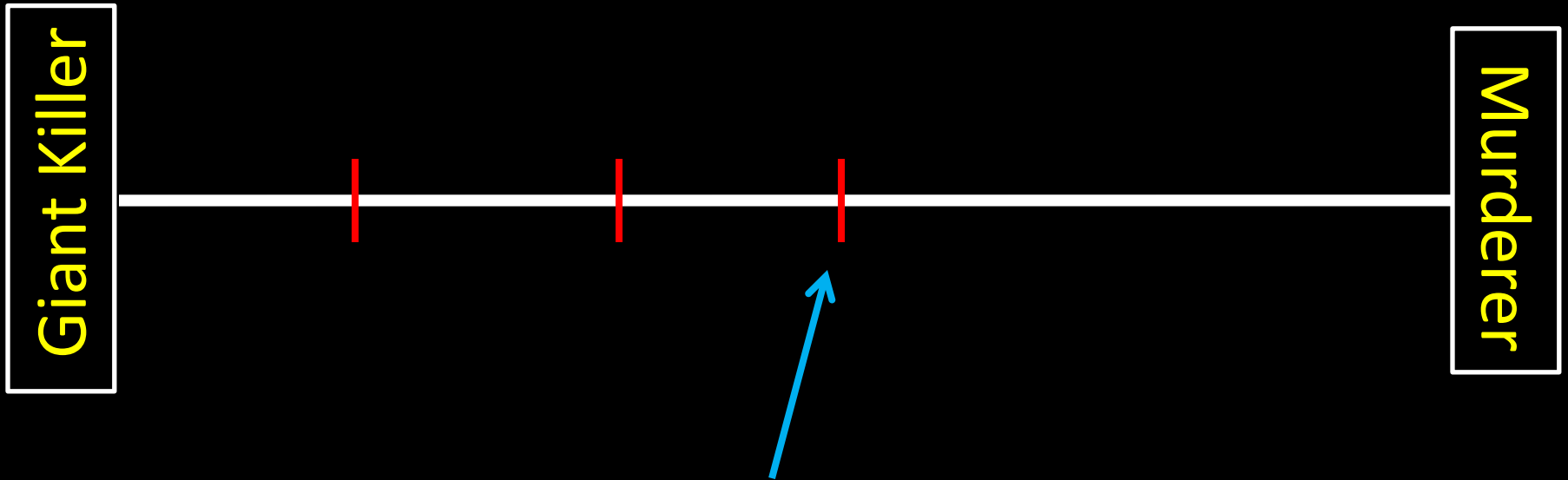
David followed Saul in polygamy!

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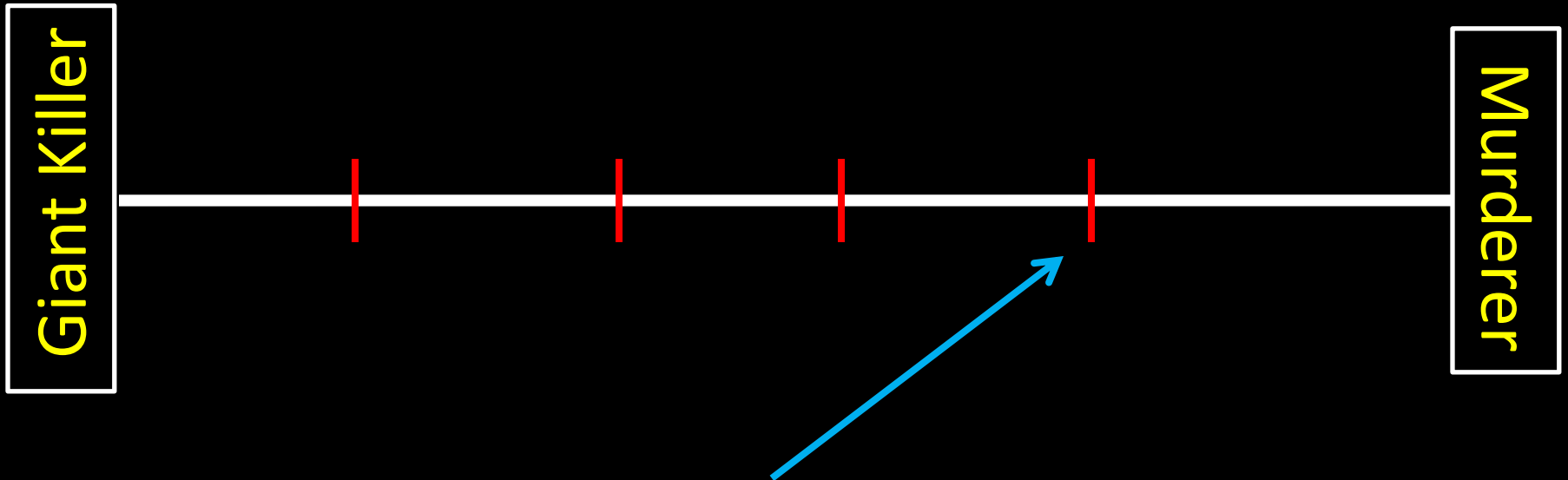
David skipped duty in the battlefield!

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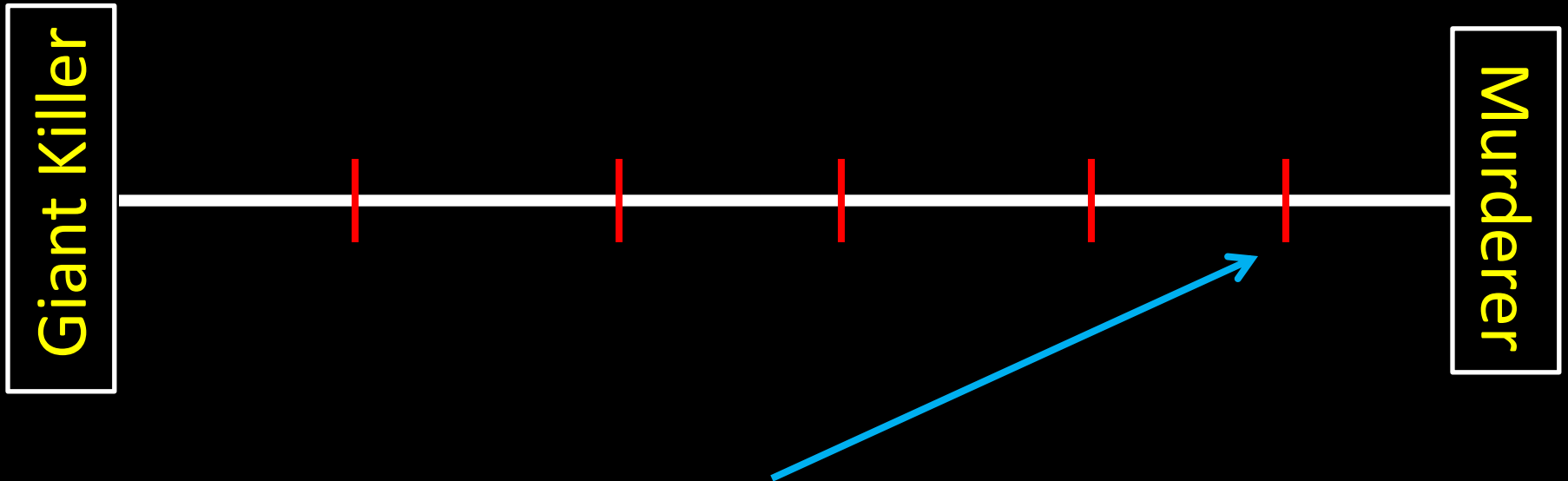
David was discontent at night with his harem!

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He ignored a pregnancy and Uriah's loyalty!

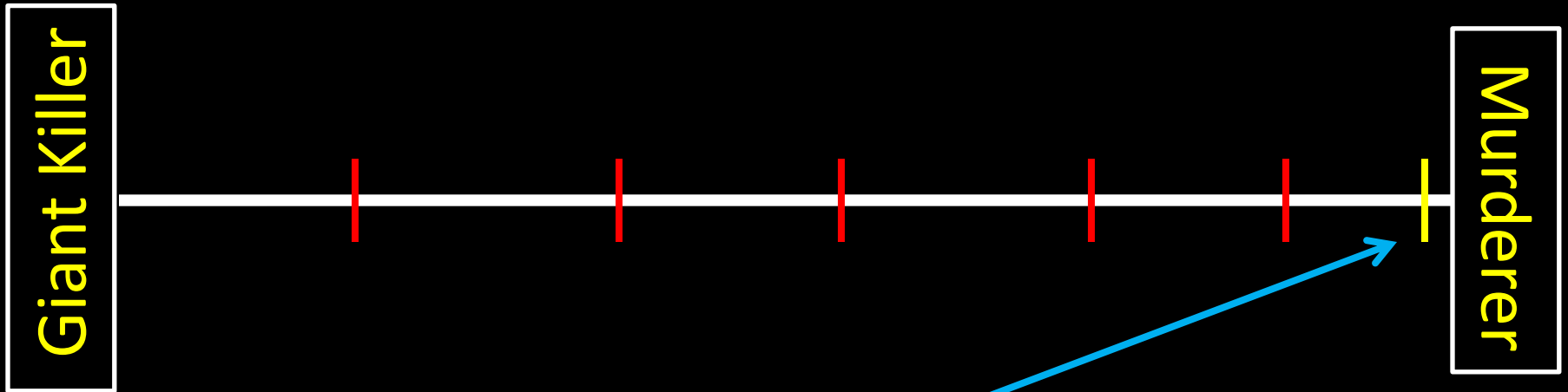
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He tried murder to cover his adultery!



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Nathan visited him with severe judgment!

**Boom!**

# Timing of Judgment can Vary

Adam & Eve ... immediately	Saul's line out of office ... 30 yrs
Lot's wife ... immediately	Joab & Abner ... over 30 years
David with Ark ... immediately	Crucifixion of Jesus ... 40 years
Sennacherib ... a few days	Babylon & Jerusalem ... 70 yrs
Nabal ... ten days	Egypt abuse of Jews ... 80 years
Nebuchadnezzar ... one year	Eli's family tree gone ... 80 yrs
Joseph's dreams ... 25 years	Amalek for abuse ... 500 years

**Preacher ...**

**What should I do?**

# Make No Provision for Lusts

But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Romans 13:14

Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

II Timothy 2:22

# Get Away from Worldly Friends

Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

I Corinthians 15:33

# Get Away from Wicked Ways

Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men.

Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

Proverbs 4:14-15

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

Matthew 7:13

# Be Vigilant with Inputs

I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

Psalm 101:3



# When in Doubt ... Don't!

And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

Romans 14:23

# Give No Place to the Devil

Neither give place to the devil.

Ephesians 4:27

**Lest Satan** should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

II Corinthians 2:11

# Don't Allow Even a Little

A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

Galatians 5:9

Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

I Corinthians 5:6

# Protect & Promote Your Conscience

Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

1 Timothy 4:2

The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

Proverbs 20:27

# Hate Your Thoughts

Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.

Proverbs 21:2

He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.

Proverbs 28:26

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Where are you  
compromising  
a little?



Stop it!




Reverse!





Repent!



Ask God for  
strength to  
move away  
from Sodom!

# For Further Study

- **Playing with Sin ...** <http://www.letgodbetruerue.com/pdf/playing-with-sin.pdf>.
- **Where Is Your Tent? ...** <http://www.letgodbetruerue.com/pdf/where-is-your-tent.pdf>.
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