



THE FINAL STRAW

SERMON NOTES

I. When Does Religion Turn Dark?

- When performance replaces grace.
- When pride replaces humility.
- When isolation replaces vulnerability.
- When judgment replaces love.
- When contention replaces cooperation.

II. What Hurts God?

Five Dark Snapshots.

- Snapshot #1 – Standing at the gate. (Ezekiel 8:3-6)
- Snapshot #2 – Moving inside the court. (Ezekiel 8:7-13)
- Snapshot #3 – Sitting in mourning. (Ezekiel 8:14-15)
- Snapshot #4 – Kneeling at the altar. (Ezekiel 8:16)
- Snapshot #5 – Facing the final straw. (Ezekiel 8:17)

III. What Excites God?

Five Bright Pictures.

- When we promote love. (Proverbs 17:9)
- When we cover sins. (1 Peter 4:8)
- When we live in unity. (Psalm 133:1)
- When we accept one another. (Romans 15:5-7)
- When we work for peace. (Romans 14:19)

Living The Message

- Let God take care of you. (2 Corinthians 10:9)
- Live with others in mind. (2 Corinthians 13:7)
- What you put in your heart will come out in your life.
(Matthew 12:34)