

Journey – Week 3
When the Lights Go Out

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James 1:9-17 (NIV)

16 Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. 17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

TAKE GOD'S PERSPECTIVE "WHEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT"

- 1. Every Good Thing in My Life is a Gift from God** (v. 17a)
- 2. All Good Things in My Life are Temporary** (v. 17b)
- 3. Base My Significance on Eternal Things**
The brother in humble circumstances ought to take pride in his high position. But the one who is rich should take pride in his low position, because he will pass away like a wild flower. (v. 9-10)

TAKE REBUILDING STEPS "WHEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT"

- 1. Release My Grief**
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Matthew 5:4 (NIV)
- 2. Refuse to be Bitter**
... Watch out that no bitterness takes root among you, for ... it causes deep trouble, hurting many in their spiritual lives.
Hebrews 12:15 (TLB)
 - **ACCEPT What Cannot Be Changed**
- 3. Remember What's Important**
Jesus said... "... Life is not measured by how much one owns."
Luke 12:15 (NCV)
 - **Focus on What's LEFT Not What's Lost**
No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NLT)