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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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John 8:21-30

Business analysts use two interesting terms to describe risk; the near worst case scenario and the exaggerated worst case scenario. Studying near worst case scenarios is a healthy exercise that keeps one within acceptable margin of risk. Exaggerated worst case scenarios are beyond reasonable risk. Imagine planting a garden. One might reasonably prepare for a lack of rain by having a supplemental water source. One might prepare for too much rain by creating drainage. But it would be unreasonable to prepare for both drought and flood simultaneously. That's an exaggerated worst case scenario.

People tend to look at warnings for eternal punishment as an exaggerated worst case scenario rather than a near one. Jesus is not exaggerating. Everything the Bible says about eternal punishment is *that bad*. Nothing worse can be imagined. It is, thank God, preventable. Believing in Jesus as Lord keeps people from dying in sin.

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