



# God's Word For You Today Is

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## *"Edge Sitters"*

Acts 20:7-12 KJV And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight. (8) And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together. (9) **And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead.** (10) And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing *him* said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him. (11) When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed. (12) And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted.

I am very sure that there are many people who have gone to church and because they were tired from overwork, missing sleep for other reasons, or just plain bored, have fallen asleep during a long sermon. It is fairly common, to see someone nodding off while in church. It is something that could happen to almost anyone. And, it could happen because of a lot of reasons not listed here.

The difference here, in Eutychus' life, is that, he fell asleep while sitting in a window sill on the third floor. Had he been sitting more into the room, say in the middle of the room, then had he fallen asleep, he would have fallen out of his chair, not out of a third floor window. Believe you me, falling out of a third floor window could be a very bad for your health.

Now, many years ago, some super spiritual person, pointed out to me, that when you are on the edge of Christianity, (not fully committed to Jesus) it is more easy to "back-slide" and get out of church. Now, I am more than sure that Eutychus was not "back-slidden", but this makes for good preaching in some circles. It happen in one of the Apostle Paul's meeting. I am fairly sure that the meeting hall was very full and that this window sill was one of the only places that Eutychus could find to sit. Plus, how many midnight meetings that lasted until the next morning, have you been to lately?

### A Little Deeper

Now let us just run with the idea, that it is easier for Christians to back-slide, if they are not fully committed to the cause of Christ.

(1.) It might just be that we are in a church that requires very little from us.  
Churches that are of this type, often to do minister to their members as they should

(2.) It might be that we are more comfortable when we do not have to meet commitments.  
Churches are full of people that sit as far back as possible, so that they can leave quickly as soon as the pastor is through. But, most people, who sit close to the pulpit are eager for what God has to say to them. They often like to fellowship with other believers at the end of a service, But the **Edge Sitters**, Would not want that kind of reputation :-), would they? If something goes wrong, they can just blame the Church or the Pastor. After all they did have a part in what happened. They really didn't have much of an investment in their church.

You know something, those super-spiritual Christians, just might be on to something. It easier to "Back-slide", when we are not fully involved or committed in our churches. Christians need to take more responsibility for their own spiritual wellbeing and not blame others for their own back sliding.

### Just a Thought.

God Bless You,  
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