LifeWater community church

Sermon Series: Warning Signs

July 12th – Yellow Light. Use Caution Ahead.

II Peter 3:1-13

1 Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to
stimulate you to wholesome thinking. 2 I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the
holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles.

3 Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following
their own evil desires. 4 They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our
ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." 5 But they deliberately
forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of
water and by water. 6 By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. 7 By
the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of
judgment and destruction of the ungodly. 8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the
Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 9 The Lord is not slow in
keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting
anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the
elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.
11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought
to live holy and godly lives 12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That
day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. 13
But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where
righteousness dwells.

Four reasons to use caution as we look ahead:

1. People will **Deny** that Jesus is coming back. (II Peter 3:3-7)
2. God's mercy motivates his **Delay** in coming back. (II Peter 3:8-9)
3. Recognize the characteristics of the **Day** of the Lord. (II Peter 3:10)
4. Commit to what we need to **Do**. (II Peter 3:11-13)