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Dear Church,

August is a season where many in our church return to school. We have children and teens starting a new year, and members who work in the classroom and in administration at our many schools in the area. This is a season of transition and change where some will experience new faces, new circumstances, and with these the possibility of new problems. **It is in how we respond to the problems in our lives that will either build our character in Christ or restrain us in maturing in the faith.**

We can learn something about how to face our problems in life rightly through the life of King David as recorded in the book of 1 Samuel. **David was a man of character, but a man who developed this character through experiencing many trials and problems in his life.** It was only after David learned how to rightly handle adversity that he grew to be a powerhouse of faith. Three lessons can be seen in

David's life concerning how to respond rightly in times of trouble.

1) Focus on the Problem Solver and Not the Problem. In 1 Samuel 23:1-2, when David was presented with a problem to either rescue the people in the town of Keilah or to save himself from the deadly pursuit of King Saul, David focused on God as his top priority in the midst of his problem. The first thing David did was to inquire of God on what he ought to do. David understood that **God is greater than any problem we will ever face in life**, and He is willing to help us in our time of distress if we turn to Him for help.

2) Seek God to Strengthen Your Faith When Doubt Appears. David had a word from God to guide him in the way he ought to go, but in 1 Samuel 23:3 the people in his life caused him to doubt God's word. Rather than ignoring God and following the will of the people around him, David stopped and returned to God. This drawing near of David to God **helped build David's confidence in God's word** and the will God had for his circumstances.

3) Every Problem is Unique and Requires a Specific Solution. In 1 Samuel 23:10-13 David discovered that just because the problem right in front of him was resolved, that did not change what lay ahead for him. When David's first problem was solved and a new problem emerged, David returned to lesson one and started all over again. There was a new problem and David inquired of God for a fresh word. This "one step at a time" approach from David **grew his dependence on God** and through this David was delivered from his troubles.

This month, let us consider King David as our example for overcoming adversity in our lives. Problems will come, and how we respond will either bring rescue or prolonged suffering. The closer we are to God before the problems of life arise, the easier it becomes to turn to Him in our time of distress.

Blessings,

Pastor Kurt

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Joe Tombleson	1st
Pam East	5th
Jonathan Lee	7th
Michael Farris	20th
Debbie Blanchette	22nd
Brenda Rivet	23rd
Amber Kennedy	25th
Levi Hidalgo	27th
Rachel Kirby	27th

ANNIVERSARIES

Charles & Loyce Anderson 13th





5th Sunday Potluck

August 31

Bring your favorite covered dish!



Boy, it's really hot outside!
The good news is the choir room is nice and cool!
Come join in the fun every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for choir practice!



SATURDAY

AUGUST 2

FROM 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

WATERSLIDE•FOOD•FUN



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, August 9

12 to 2 p.m.



EGBC Women's Ministries

LUNCH AT OLIVE GARDEN

Tuesday, August 12 at 11 a.m.



9:30 a.m.

WEEKLY EVENTS	
Sunday	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.
Tuesday	
Women's Bible Study	11 a.m.
Wednesday	
Prayer Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir	6:30 p.m.

