



GROWTH GROUP SERMON CURRICULUM

HERO | August 11, 2019 | 1 Samuel 3-4:1, 1 Samuel 7:2-17.

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." —Hebrews 11:1

FROM THE TEXT

- To see the beginning of Samuel's story, read 1 Samuel chapter 3-4:1. Only looking at the life of Samuel from this particular Old Testament passage: describe why you think Samuel is included in the "Hall of Faith" in Hebrews chapter 11?
- Now chart the progression and sequence of events from the passage we heard on Sunday: 1 Samuel 7:2-17. What are observations that can be made from our passage that easily relate to our lives as God's people today?

FROM THE SERMON

- Pastor Nathan stated from the Word and from his own experience: "You will never be content outside of the will of God." And "When we hear his voice, we must say: 'Speak Lord, I am listening.'" Why can't true contentment be found outside of God's will? What happens when we do find ourselves in God's will? How do you know the difference?
- Our sermon boldly proclaimed that: We want the "God basket," but we also don't want to let go of our "other baskets." Other things we trust in that will bring us security, fulfillment, and pleasure. What were you thinking of during the sermon that is another "basket" or idol that easily takes the seat on the throne of your heart?

FOR YOUR LIFE | APPLICATION | ACCOUNTABILITY

- When is a time in your life, when you felt like you were outside the will of God. How were you feeling during this time (mad, sad, weighed down, confused, etc.)? What began to change? How do you see God's faithfulness and grace in dealing with you in that season of life?
- The truth that brings ultimate freedom and ends all idolatry is: "Jesus is all I need." Most of us know that is true in our heads, but believing it in the deepest places of our heart (and seeing that demonstrated in our every day lives) is entirely different. Why is this the case? Why is this simple truth that "Jesus is all I need" so hard to believe sometimes?

PRAYER FOCUS

- 1) Confess our sins and idols that we place above God.
- 2) Thank God for calling us by name into His perfect will.