

From the Pastor



Having been raised in the Church all my life, I would have to say that the vast majority of the time, we wonderful sheep are more concerned with the problem than we are the solution. It is rare when someone steps up without being asked and says, "I have a solution for that."

If self-evaluation reveals that you look for solutions rather than simply complain about the problem, then you are one of the most valuable members of the team. What team? ANY TEAM! Anyone would be grateful to have you around. This type of person tremendously benefits the Body of Christ.

In speaking to Pastors and Leaders, Rob Ketterling of River Valley Church in Minnesota says, "we have to consistently identify whether the problem is theirs, ours or His."

See, this is where the Israelites went wrong. Every problem they had, up until they asked for a King, was God's problem. But then they took matters into their own hands.

Ask yourself today whether or not the solution to the problem should come from them (whoever they are), somewhere within yourself, or whether or not only God can solve it. Listen, if the problem is that tough, then let's trust Him for the outcome.

Let's explore more about this in today's text,

Randy & Pam

NEW TO OUR CHURCH?

Welcome to Trinity Life Center! We are so glad you joined us today. Here are some things you can do to be connected:

- Fill out our **Welcome Card** inside the Guest Packet handed to you by our Ushers and exchange it for a gift from us at the Information Desk in the Lobby.
- Visit our **website** at www.trinity-life.org to get connected directly with a specific area of ministry.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

9AM - **Connect Point for all ages** (see campus map for class locations)
Insights Prayer Sanctuary
 10AM - **Worship Service** Sanctuary
Kids Zone Rm# C106, 107

CONNECTION WEDNESDAYS

7PM - **Worship Service** Sanctuary
Royal Rangers Rm# 201, 202, 204
Girls Ministries Rm# 203
IgNITE for Teens Rm# C111

THURSDAY MORNING

10am - **Mountain Movers** Sanctuary

Randy & Pam GreerLEAD PASTOR

Vic & Sara CarusoSENIOR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Jimmy & Jamie FirzlaffEXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE PASTOR

Mike & Marjorie HusliASSOCIATE PASTOR / CHILDREN

Dave & Sandi Grecco WORSHIP LEADER

Daniel & Jinay Kline YOUTH PASTOR

Barbara Potop ASSOCIATE PASTOR/PRAYER MINISTRY & MT MOVERS

Oretta Andrews..... YOUNG ADULTS PASTOR

Larry Wayne Morbitt CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Kleg Seth..... ASSOCIATE PASTOR / SAM'S & HOSPITAL VISITATION



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Pastor Randy Greer

“Whose Problem Is It?”

1 Samuel 8



EVENTS

SUNDAY MORNING INSIGHTS 9am

Please join with Pastors Randy, Vic and Dave as Vic prays through the Scriptures. Join us for this series and all the blessings that come from learning how to pray God's Word. We also have different classes through Connect Point. Pick up a Connect Point Class Catalog at the info desk and choose the class best suited for you.

HERE WE ARE GOD, SEND US!

Meeting at the Boulevard Mall food court today @ 1:15pm. Is the Holy Spirit telling you to step out on the water with the boldness to speak out and tell people that Jesus loves them? Join Christina, and bring the message of the Gospel to our neighbors. Flyers in the lobby.

THEY'RE HERE!!!

Please see Jazmin Ochoa or Larry Wayne in the lobby after church today to pick up your CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY and misc. 8"x10" photos.

WOMEN'S AND MEN'S WED NIGHT BIBLE

STUDIES...continue in the Fellowship Hall at 7pm, LADIES, join us as we go through a study on how to achieve "**Defiant Joy**" by Candace Payne. And, FELLOWS, Pastor Jimmy is moderating a course called "**Breakthrough**" based on Chip Ingram's book which addresses what is to be done when circumstances are so overwhelming that it truly seems impossible. These powerful studies will bless your life.

THE 2018 LAS VEGAS MEN'S FALL CONFERENCE

will be held here at our church Saturday, September 15th. The doors will be open at 8:30am. There's no charge to attend. Guest speakers will include Pastor Dean Sanner and Pastor Reggie Bryant. Many Las Vegas pastors will be ready to equip and empower men to the greatness God has called them to. Gentlemen when you go to the info desk to sign up please indicate if you wish to purchase the \$5 lunch as well.

DETAILS OF EVENTS AND REGISTRATION SHEETS ARE LOCATED IN THE MAIN LOBBY

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS WILL BEGIN...

Sunday, Sept 16 at 9am in R-105, behind the Sanctuary platform. This six-week course is for all who wish to join themselves to the Body of Believers here at TLC. The class will cover our STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS; BYLAWS and our CONSTITUTION. Pastor Randy, in due course, will visit the class and share the unique vision that we believe God has given our church. See the sign-up list at the info desk.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASS TO BEGIN...

Wednesday night, Sept 19 at 7pm in the Conference Room. This systematic study provides a fundamental introduction to the Word of God and explores the essential ways to approach day to day life as a Christian. Please see **the sign-up list** at the information desk after service today to join the class. See Moderator, Billy Thomas, for more info.

WE ARE ONE CONCERT

RELENTLESS, our young adult ministry is planning to attend the, **WE ARE ONE CONCERT**, on Thursday, **September 20th** at 7pm at Word of Life Church. There **IS** an admission fee. Go to the Young Adult page on our church website for complete details and see Pastor Oretta if you plan to attend.

FORGIVENESS SEMINAR: WED., SEPT 26 & OCT 3

AT 7PM... *To forgive as we have been forgiven may be the greatest challenge to our faith in Jesus Christ.* Pastor David Childers will present a two day seminar based on his book, **FORGIVENESS...IT IS NOT OPTIONAL** where we will learn that we can forgive in the same way Christ forgave us so much so that we are still able to remember the person who hurt us and no longer be held captive by those destructive emotions. No matter how brutal the trauma is that you've lived through biblical forgiveness can make you free. **FRIENDS...**we recommend **EVERYONE** find a way to attend these two important sessions.

SERMON NOTES

1 Samuel 8 (NLT)

Israel Requests a King

8 As Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons to be judges over Israel.² Joel and Abijah, his oldest sons, held court in Beersheba. ³But they were not like their father, for they were greedy for money. They accepted bribes and perverted justice.

⁴Finally, all the elders of Israel met at Ramah to discuss the matter with Samuel. ⁵"Look," they told him, "you are now old, and your sons are not like you. Give us a king to judge us like all the other nations have."

⁶Samuel was displeased with their request and went to the LORD for guidance. ⁷"Do everything they say to you," the LORD replied, "for they are rejecting me, not you. They don't want me to be their king any longer. ⁸Ever since I brought them from Egypt they have continually abandoned me and followed other gods. And now they are giving you the same treatment. ⁹Do as they ask, but solemnly warn them about the way a king will reign over them."

Samuel Warns against a Kingdom

¹⁰So Samuel passed on the LORD's warning to the people who were asking him for a king. ¹¹"This is how a king will reign over you," Samuel said. "The king will draft your sons and assign them to his chariots and his charioteers, making them run before his chariots. ¹²Some will be generals and captains in his army, some will be forced to plow in his fields and harvest his crops, and some will make his weapons and chariot equipment. ¹³The king will take your daughters from you and force them to cook and bake and make perfumes for him. ¹⁴He will take away the best of your fields and vineyards and olive groves and give them to his own officials. ¹⁵He will take a tenth of your grain and your grape harvest and distribute it among his officers and attendants. ¹⁶He will take your male and female slaves and demand the finest of your cattle and donkeys for his own use. ¹⁷He will demand a tenth of your flocks, and you will be his slaves. ¹⁸When that day comes, you will beg for relief from this king you are demanding, but then the LORD will not help you."

¹⁹But the people refused to listen to Samuel's warning. "Even so, we still want a king," they said. ²⁰"We want to be like the nations around us. Our king will judge us and lead us into battle."

²¹So Samuel repeated to the LORD what the people had said, ²²and the LORD replied, "Do as they say, and give them a king." Then Samuel agreed and sent the people home.