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SERIES: LIVING IN THE PARENTHESIS: *Steps to a Joyful and Meaningful Life*

SERMON: Living in Unsettled Times

1 Samuel 16:6-13

[6] When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed stands here before the LORD.”

[7] But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

[8] Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.”

[9] Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.”

[10] Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.”

[11] So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” “There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.” Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

[12] So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”

[13] So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

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In unsettled times . . .

1. We have to do what no one _____ we can do.

- Prepare your _____ for God's service.
- Let God _____ you.

2. We have to do things we _____.

3. Sometimes, we simply have to _____ the _____.

- _____ God.
- _____ Him your needs.
- _____ Him
 - *Colossians 3:17* And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
- Let Him _____.
 - *1 Samuel 17:45-47* David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

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During the week I heard someone use the word “remarkable“ about the times in which we are living. That word didn’t seem strong enough. These are Dickens’ “the best of times the worst of times”.

As a church, and as a people, we must plow through the difficulties we face to make it beyond to a stronger tomorrow. This includes informing and equipping our body of believers.

Here are some things we are doing:

First, our administrative ministry teams (finance, personnel, property, and trustees) **continue to meet**. These groups are tasked with leading the church in administrative and business areas.

Second, our deacons continue to lead the church in ministry. They will meet in person, or by zoom, this Sunday afternoon at 5 o’clock. This meeting will simply be an informative meeting about the ministry and direction of the church and ways that we can continue to meet the needs of our congregation.

Third, Sunday - August 2 at 6 PM - we will have our first congregational meeting of the year. We will use this time to conduct matters of business and to give you information about our ministries and the financial condition of First Baptist Church. We will meet in the worship center so that we can spread out appropriately and have room for everyone who wants to attend. If you are able, I encourage you to be present. The meeting will last for about an hour.

Please be in prayer about the ministries, protection, and safety of the church.

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