**12/1/24 Sometimes We Get What We Ask For! 1 Samuel 8**

* We can make a good choice or a bad choice, but the choice is ours.
* We put the most time into the things that we value the most.
* New converts need a strong doctrinal base and some practical spiritual guidance.

**Matthew 6:21; Acts 2:10; Romans 1:8**

**1. People will start to look elsewhere when the church fails to do its job.**

* The church has a mission, ministry and message that it should accomplish.
* Samuel, the Judge and Prophet, chose his sons to follow in his footsteps, but they were greedy and ungodly.
* When the other nations threatened Israel, they asked Eli for a king so they could be like the other nations around them.

**Judges 17:6; 1 Samuel 8:1-5**

**2. Seeking God’s guidance should always be our first choice.**

* With so many things happening at once, Samuel sought the Lord for guidance.
* God reminded Samuel that the people were rejecting Him not Samuel.
* When God turns us over to the world, we do vile and degrading things with each other and follow false gods.
* God told Samuel to do what the people asked, but warned them how a king will treat them.

**1 Samuel 8:6-10; Romans 1:24-25**

**3. There are always consequences from not trusting God.**

* Samuel told the people all the things that a king would do to them.
* The people did not realize that they had the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.
* God told them that the people will beg for relief, but He would not help them.
* God hates the sin and will eventually judge it, but He loves the sinner and desires their salvation.

**1 Samuel 8:10-22; 1 Peter 2:9; Numbers 32:23**

**Upcoming Events**

Calvary’s Angel Tree, please return all gifts with name tags by December 8th.

2025 Calendar Planning Meeting after service, December 8th.

Union at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, 411 E. Crane Ave., Friday, December 27 at 7 PM, Saturday, December 28 at 10 AM, and Sunday, December 29 at 11 AM.

**Thought for the Week**: In the highs and lows of life, God is for us and promises to work everything together for our good and His glory for those who love Him.