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Bulletin

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We, at BTPC, are committed to love God and to glorify our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit by building one another up in God's word, serving one another in love and, being united in praying and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ; working together for the salvation of souls and the edification of Christians through the teaching of God's word and the preaching of the gospel.

Saved Together In Christ

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." - Luke 19:9-10

— Service Order —

Opening Prayer (Ashley Tan)

Song 1: *You Are The Way*

Welcoming Time

Responsive Reading: I Samuel 4:1b- to 11

Confession & Corporate Prayer

Song 2: *He Will Hold Me Fast*

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 5:1-12, 6:17-7:12 (*1st service: Yeow Mei Sin; 2nd service: Ruth Hagu Gan*)

Sermon: 1 Samuel 4-7 - Relationship 101 With God: Deal With The Sin Issue To Restore Your Relationship With God (*Andrew Ong*)

Breakout Time: Discussion & Reflection

Song 3: *His Mercy Is More*

Financial Giving & Offerings

Announcements

Closing Prayer & Benediction

— Bible Passage —

1 Samuel 5:1-12 New International Version

1 After the Philistines had captured the ark of God, they took it from Ebenezer to Ashdod. **2** Then they carried the ark into Dagon's temple and set it beside Dagon. **3** When the people of Ashdod rose early the next day, there was Dagon, fallen on his face on the ground before the ark of the Lord! They took Dagon and put him back in his place. **4** But the following morning when they rose, there was Dagon, fallen on his face on the ground before the ark of the Lord! His head and hands had been broken off and were lying on the threshold; only his body remained. **5** That is why to this day neither the priests of Dagon nor any others who enter Dagon's temple at Ashdod step on the threshold.

6 The Lord's hand was heavy on the people of Ashdod and its vicinity; he brought devastation on them and afflicted them with tumors.^[a] **7** When the people of Ashdod saw what was happening, they said, "The ark of the god of

Israel must not stay here with us, because his hand is heavy on us and on Dagon our god.” **8** So they called together all the rulers of the Philistines and asked them, “What shall we do with the ark of the god of Israel?”

They answered, “Have the ark of the god of Israel moved to Gath.” So they moved the ark of the God of Israel.

9 But after they had moved it, the Lord’s hand was against that city, throwing it into a great panic. He afflicted the people of the city, both young and old, with an outbreak of tumors.^[b] **10** So they sent the ark of God to Ekron. As the ark of God was entering Ekron, the people of Ekron cried out, “They have brought the ark of the god of Israel around to us to kill us and our people.” **11** So they called together all the rulers of the Philistines and said, “Send the ark of the god of Israel away; let it go back to its own place, or it^[c] will kill us and our people.” For death had filled the city with panic; God’s hand was very heavy on it. **12** Those who did not die were afflicted with tumors, and the outcry of the city went up to heaven.

1 Samuel 6:17–7:12 New International Version

17 These are the gold tumors the Philistines sent as a guilt offering to the Lord—one each for Ashdod, Gaza, Ashkelon, Gath and Ekron. **18** And the number of the gold rats was according to the number of Philistine towns belonging to the five rulers—the fortified towns with their country villages. The large rock on which the Levites set the ark of the Lord is a witness to this day in the field of Joshua of Beth Shemesh.

19 But God struck down some of the inhabitants of Beth Shemesh, putting seventy^[a] of them to death because they looked into the ark of the Lord. The people mourned because of the heavy blow the Lord had dealt them. **20** And the people of Beth Shemesh asked, “Who can stand in the presence of the Lord, this holy God? To whom will the ark go up from here?” **21** Then they sent messengers to the people of Kiriath Jearim, saying, “The Philistines have returned the ark of the Lord. Come down and take it up to your town.”

Chapter 7

1 So the men of Kiriath Jearim came and took up the ark of the Lord. They brought it to Abinadab's house on the hill and consecrated Eleazar his son to guard the ark of the Lord. **2** The ark remained at Kiriath Jearim a long time—twenty years in all. Then all the people of Israel turned back to the Lord. **3** So Samuel said to all the Israelites, "If you are returning to the Lord with all your hearts, then rid yourselves of the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths and commit yourselves to the Lord and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines." **4** So the Israelites put away their Baals and Ashtoreths, and served the Lord only.

5 Then Samuel said, "Assemble all Israel at Mizpah, and I will intercede with the Lord for you." **6** When they had assembled at Mizpah, they drew water and poured it out before the Lord. On that day they fasted and there they confessed, "We have sinned against the Lord." Now Samuel was serving as leader[b] of Israel at Mizpah.

7 When the Philistines heard that Israel had assembled at Mizpah, the rulers of the Philistines came up to attack them. When the Israelites heard of it, they were afraid because of the Philistines. **8** They said to Samuel, "Do not stop crying out to the Lord our God for us, that he may rescue us from the hand of the Philistines." **9** Then Samuel took a suckling lamb and sacrificed it as a whole burnt offering to the Lord. He cried out to the Lord on Israel's behalf, and the Lord answered him.

10 While Samuel was sacrificing the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to engage Israel in battle. But that day the Lord thundered with loud thunder against the Philistines and threw them into such a panic that they were routed before the Israelites. **11** The men of Israel rushed out of Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, slaughtering them along the way to a point below Beth Kar.

12 Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer,[c] saying, "Thus far the Lord has helped us."



Add notes

— Sermon Outline —

1 Samuel 4-7

Relationship 101 with God: deal with the sin issue to restore your relationship with God

Introduction

1. Relationship 101 with God: Don't manipulate God

2. Relationship 101 with God: You are not greater than God

3. Relationship 101 with God: Don't archive God

4. The need for a sin offering, repentance and mediator

Conclusion



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Breakout Time

Reflection & Discussion Questions

- How is your relationship with God?
- What have I learnt today that helps my relationship with God?



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- ☒ MY NOTES + ORIGINAL NOTES
- ☐ MY NOTES ONLY

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— Announcements —

Latest Announcements

Upcoming events and notices

— Morning Tea —

Please **join us for some light refreshments** at the basement level all the way down to the canteen. Morning tea is from **11 am to 11.30 am**.

There is also a field and a basketball court which the children may like to play at.



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