
RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM A RANDOM STORY

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Judges 9

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- Choose wisely who and what you **follow** now, because it will determine where you **end up** later.
- Eventually . . . evil always **devours** its own.
- Eventually . . . God *will* give you exactly **what you want**.

TAKING IT HOME

Looking back at this week's teaching and study, was there anything in particular that you want to remember or apply?

PRAYER REQUEST:



MINI MAKE-OVER - Help Us Be a Good Neighbor

Volunteers are needed to help work on a house within a half mile of the new property. Join us on Sat., May 17, to paint, clean, do yard work and small handyman jobs. There is a project for everyone! Sign up online <http://www.northcoastchurch.com/service/> or contact Terry for further details: 760-696-8270, terrywoods48@gmail.com.

PARENTING TEENS AND SURVIVING

Instructor: Ned Mervich & Panel

Date/ Time: Monday, May 19, 7 PM - 9 PM – One Night Only

Location: North Coast Church, Video Café

Tuition Cost: \$7/ person; \$10/ couple

Description: Just about the time you think you've got this parenting thing figured out, your child becomes a teenager and you discover it's a whole new parenting ballgame. This seminar will examine some of the universal aspects of the journey through adolescence to help give you a road map for guiding your pre-teen or adolescent child into adulthood. The first part of the workshop will be led by Ned Mervich. The second will be a Q&A session with a panel of parents of teens who have survived or are surviving and our High School pastoral staff.

Register online www.northcoastchurch.com.



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Growth Group Homework

For the week of May 11, 2008

QUICK REVIEW: Looking back at this week's teaching on "Random Thoughts from a Random Story" was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

MY STORY

1. After participating in the tent meetings last week, what are your thoughts and impressions of the evening? (If you were unable to attend you can still get tickets to participate @ www.northcoastchurch.com.)

2. How do you know if you're listening to God?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Most of us believe that there's nothing wrong with gaining more power and influence. Yet this week we saw how Abimelech's thirst for power resulted in his demise. God's remedy on how to avoid this kind of downfall is somewhat counter-intuitive – it's not to become powerless, but rather to redirect our focus on what to be strong or powerful in. As you read Matthew 20:24-28, how does Jesus redirect the focus of how our "power" should be applied?

Can you think of any settings or situations at home, work or socially that you wish you had more power to apply what Jesus is telling us?

How might putting into action 2 Timothy 1:7 help strengthen your ability to serve as Jesus calls you to?

2. The Israelites and Abimelech ended up in a disastrous situation because of their failure to listen to God. How would putting the following verses into action help you determine if you're listening to God's guidance in your life?

Proverbs 28:13, 14

Hebrews 3:13

2 Timothy 2:15

Which one of these verses do you find most helpful to tune into God's voice? Explain.

3. We've all experienced the power of our words – for good or bad. This week we saw what happened to "Gaal the son of Ebed" when he let his words run wild. When it comes to our speech and what we say, what guidelines are given in the Scriptures below?

Ephesians 4:15

Proverbs 3:27

Proverbs 15:23

Proverbs 15:30

Which one is most important for you to remember and why?