

Looking For A Stone Named Ebenezer

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(1 Sam 7:12) Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.

(Psa 125:2) As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD is round about his people from henceforth even forever.

Sermon Title: Looking For A Stone Named Ebenezer

1. A Stone Called Ebenezer.

- A. God had provided a great victory over the Philistines that day.
- B. The Prophet Samuel took a stone and set it up and named it Ebenezer.
- C. It was a testimony that hitherto or up until that very day God had helped them. Ebenezer means the stone of help.
- D. Proof of God's help and blessings.

2. All of us have Ebenezer stones. Symbols of God's grace and help in times past.

- A. Up to this point, He has never failed, up to this very moment, he has come through for us.

Point: This week I had a need to go searching for Ebenezer stones. I found them scattered throughout my life. Places of victory. Miracles. Times when it looked like it was impossible to go on. I looked through boxes of old sermons, I have preached nearly 6000 since I came to this church. Sermon titles that were Ebenezer stones for us and for this church.

Joshua and the Children of Israel crossing the Jordan River on dry ground. Took 12 stones from the bottom of Jordan and stacked them up in Gilgal. What for? When you are facing a difficult time and the river is wide and deep, Come look at the Ebenezer Stones and remember that God brought you over the Jordan on dry ground.

3. Each of us need to take out our Ebenezer Stones and look at them again.

- A. Personal victories.

B. Healings, miracles, financial needs supplied

4. God Is Faithful

- A. To His Word
- B. To His promises
- C. To His people

(Psa 119:89 KJV) For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

(Psa 119:160 KJV) Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

D. God's Word endures or out lasts everything.

- 1. Hardships – Difficult times
- 2. Length of Time
- 3. Sickness
- 4. Discouragement
- 5. Pain & disappointments

(Luke 21:33 KJV) Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

4. When you remember what God has done in the past...hitherto, may it cause us to trust God with the future.

5. David at Ziglax

6. Paul & Silas In Jail

- A. Began to sing praises, to look at their Ebenezer Stones.
- B. When it looked the worst, seemed the hardest, the glory of God came and brought freedom and revival.
- C. Our future is secure in the hands of a God who cannot fail. Who has spoken and will bring it to pass.