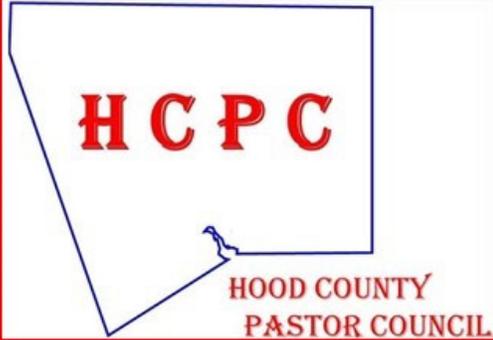


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ONE NATION UNDER GOD Devotional

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*Blessed is the nation
whose God is the Lord. . .
Psalm 33:12*

“One Nation Under God” DEVOTIONAL

Roots Before Fruits

And Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the LORD and with men.

1 Samuel 2:26 (NIV)

**Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant,
overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy.**

Ezekiel 16.49

Reflection

Samuel is born into a time when people did whatever they wanted and justified it as their own truth. But Samuel was ideally suited for the prophetic role.

Challenge

What kind of qualities did Samuel have that allowed him to speak

He was a person of prayer.

Samuel was a mediator which is someone who prays on the behalf of others.

We have lots of activists in our church and I love that passion, but let me tell you this: you cannot exist on a diet of activism. Your activism has to be fueled by your relationship with God.

He had integrity.

"Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the LORD and with men." *1 Samuel 2.26*

Samuel wasn't sinless, because he was a human being, but his life was consistent and that was rare back then like it is today. It's about living the Gospel before preaching the Gospel.

He had discernment.

The elders demanded Samuel appoint a King. This request was an act of rebellion against Samuel's leadership. Now it would be easy for him to take this personally and lash out, but instead he prays.

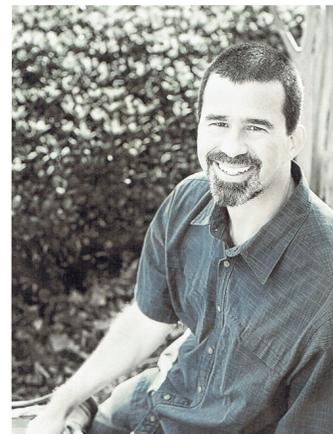
So for the Church to be prophetic, it's not about how critical you can be. Prophetic means to be radical in the original sense of the word: Radical means to get to the root. We have to get to the root before we can address the fruit.

the truth in a confused world?

For Discussion

If we want to be prophets in this wilderness, we have to get to the root. And we always must begin with us.

Who you are is telling the world what the Gospel is. What is your life telling the world about Jesus?



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Knowing who will be the next President will not help us at all, if we do not understand what is happening in the nation that has caused God to give us that particular President.

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Here's an example of finding the root:

"Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy." *Ezekiel 16.49*

So the root sin was not homosexuality, it was arrogance, laziness, and refusing to help the needy. When society makes an idol out of comfort and pleasure, it will always descend into promiscuity.

Prayer

Lord, too often, we make our own plans and forget about Yours. We think we know what's best for us, and set out our goals accordingly. What do I know, compared to You? You made me to glorify You and draw others to You. You created the world as well, and the effect I can have on it. So, Lord, right here and now, I acknowledge You. Be my guide so I can guide others on the straight path to You.



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