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Is That Your FINAL Answer?

On the TV game show **Who Wants To Be A Millionaire**, contestants sometimes “ask the audience” for their opinion on questions. Unless it’s a trick question or one that is particularly hard, the audience is usually overwhelmingly correct.

In 1 Samuel 14:36-40, Saul asks the Lord whether he should attack the Philistines or not...and the Lord doesn’t give him an answer. Saul then “asks the audience.” He asks his troops for their opinion and they say, “Do whatever you think is best.” That wouldn’t be such a great answer on “Millionaire,” would it? God never did answer his question, so Saul just did what he felt was correct.

In the next chapter (1 Samuel 15:3) the Lord tells Saul, **“Now go and attack Amalek. Claim everything they have for God by destroying it. Don't spare them, but kill men and women, infants and children, cows and sheep, camels and donkeys.”** That sounds like a pretty much a “final answer,” doesn’t it? Yet in verses 8 and 9, we read **“He captured King Agag of Amalek alive. But he claimed all the people for God by destroying them. Saul and the army spared Agag and the best sheep and cows, the fattened animals, the lambs, and all the best property. The army refused to claim them for God by destroying them. But everything that was worthless and weak the army did claim for God and destroy.”**

Why did Saul and his army disobey such a clear command from the Lord? In later verses, Samuel goes to Saul to find out. Saul first tries to lie his way out of it and says, in effect, “I did obey the Lord, I’m going to sacrifice the animals to Him!” But Samuel isn’t fooled, he condemns Saul for disobeying God and Saul says that he did it because he was afraid of the people. He did what he thought the people expected him to do, not what God told him to. His army had told him to do whatever he felt was best and



Prayer Requests

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the lost in our families and community.

For the ban on partial birth abortion to stand as law.

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For **Tim and Jennifer** in the adoption process and the health of baby **Zoe**.

Chris Holbrook (husband to Brandy Gampp's coworker) is suffering with thyroid cancer. There are postoperative complications. Chris has a wife and 2 young children.

Don Lemon's chemo therapy has been postponed for another 2 months while his system builds up.

Abdul Saleemi (friend of Brandy Gampp) is having chemo and radiation therapy for lung cancer.

Sam Miller is deployed in Germany for a couple of weeks.

Ron Bentley (father of Jodi Kallner's co-worker) had open heart surgery. Also there is some concern about possible lung cancer.

Dan Clay (husband of Jodi Kallner's coworker) is having chest pains but the tests are showing nothing.

Gertrude McKenzie is in rehab at SOMC after suffering a broken hip.

Mary Alice Young (friend of Ruth Miller) struggling with loss of her husband.

Steve McGraw (Eric Copas's stepfather) biopsy of thyroid lump showing abnormal.

Richard Hughes (uncle to Lee and Nathan Collins) advanced cancer. Needs a Savior.

Bill Collins (father to Lee and Nathan Collins) spots showing on his lungs.

Steve Miller and group in Haiti for safety and building up the Kingdom.

The **Tate family** (related to a co-worker of Eric Copas) was in a serious head-on auto accident in Pike County a few weeks ago. Both parents and 3 children were injured.

Travis Scott has requested the prayers of the church for his and Rachel's marriage.

The body of **Angela Fowler-Hammond**, an acquaintance of Stephanie Copas, was recently found in Portsmouth. Stephanie has asked for prayers for comfort and closure for her family.

Edna Anderson, mother of one of Eric McLaughlin's friends, as asked for prayer for an unspecified health problem.

Wedding Invitation

The congregation is invited to attend the wedding of Megan Kurtzman and Mark Coriell on Saturday, July 30th at 2:30 p.m. The wedding will be held at Lehner's Country Gatherings, 2866 S.R. 203 in Radnor, Ohio. A reception will be held immediately after the ceremony. If you plan to attend the wedding, please RSVP to Cathy or Emerson by tonight at church so that an accurate headcount can be given to the caterer. They will be happy to give you directions if you plan on attending.

Yarn Needed

Touching Little Lives is a non-profit organization that provides clothing and other necessities for needy newborns and premature infants in Ohio. They recently contacted us to request hand-crocheted afghans. There are women in our church willing and able to make these afghans if some of us can donate the baby yarn. It takes approximately 2 1/2 to 4 skeins, depending on the thickness of the yarn. Contact Mary Collins or Sharon Rogers for more information.

Camp Week

We are told that the campers had a great week at Fort Hill and we rejoice that there were some baptisms. No names were available when the bulletin was printed, we'll print them in next week's bulletin and hopefully they will be announced at this morning's worship service.





Area Events

Details are posted on the bulletin board.

- 8/6 Ladies Day - Circleville)
- 9/2-9/4 Summit - Columbus
- 10/7-9 Rager Rd CofC - Columbus

Teen Devo

Location to be announced, Tuesday, 6:30 pm.

Bible Study Text

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
7/17 Acts 15:1-35	7/20 Exodus 11-13
7/24 Acts 15:36-16:40	7/27 Exodus 14-15
7/31 Acts 17:1-18:22	

Woodsfield Lock-In

Thirteen members of our youth group attended a lock-in at Woodsfield this weekend. We hear that everyone had a great time and very little sleep.

Movies and Photos

If you missed seeing Steve and Jamie get their pies during VBS, you can see movies of it on our website. Just click on Photo Album and select the VBS 2005 folder. Thanks to Stephanie Copas for the movies plus many photos taken during VBS as well. Photos and movies of the trip down to Sr. Impact are also online. If you took photos at Impact, VBS, or some other event this year, please see Al Graff about putting them on our website.



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apparently he was still running in that frame of mind when the battle took place.

Saul's willful disobedience was a major turning point in his life. On that day he ceased to be King over Israel in the eyes of the Lord. Samuel no longer consulted with Saul and David's rise to the throne begins in the next chapter.

Sometimes we must make decisions that are not black and white. While God's word is usually an excellent tool for making decisions, sometimes it remains silent. In situations such as that, it's a good idea to ask the audience...the elders, preachers, mom and dad...for guidance. In situations where there is no clear answer, we must sometimes just use our common sense and do what we think is best.

However, doing what seems best isn't the right course when God has weighed in on the subject. Sometimes we may be tempted to do something contrary to the will of God because we don't think it's that important or we want to please the people around us. Peer pressure can cloud our judgment just like it did Saul. God is in charge and he sets the rules. If God has said "yes" or "no" about something, don't ask the audience, don't phone a friend, there is no 50/50. God's command is the final answer.

Al Graff

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

Bible Class Text
Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Prayer
Lord's Supper - Server 6
Server 5
Server 4
Wine
Bread
Server 3
Server 2
Server 1
Message
Closing Prayer

July 17

Acts 15:1-35
Jon Coriell
Shaun McCray
Tim Coriell
Aaron Kallner
David Gampp
Lane Raiser
Barry Gampp
Terry Royster
Jason Coriell
Jack Jennings
Jerry Gampp
Jacob Miller
Jamie Riley
Aaron McCray

July 24

Acts 15:36 - 16:40
Wayne Gampp
Ralph Gampp
Matt Hoskins
Gary Glispie
Al Graff
Kevin Stimpert
Price Gammon
Dewey Cordle
Mark Risner
Matt Cram
Ira Coriell
Jerry Gampp
Jamie Riley
Shawn Gragg

Sunday Evening

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Jeff Hayward
Greg Coriell
Zach Coriell
Rich Book

Gabe Coriell
Jon Coriell
Jacob Miller
Don Coriell

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Bud Coriell
Terry Sullivan
Exodus 11-13

Mark Gampp
Mike Coriell
Exodus 14-15

Scheduled Services

Sunday

Bible Study - 9:45 am
Worship - 10:30 am
Eve.Worship - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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