

You're invited to join us @ Loudoun Baptist next **Sun, August 23 @ 11 am** as we continue our Teaching Series, "No Joke: Unbelievable Bible Stories with Everyday Truths".

Next Steps:

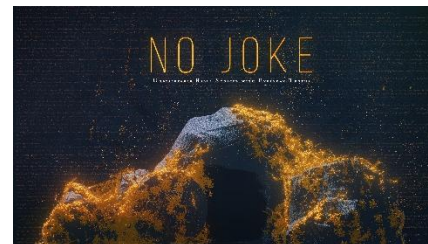
- Memorize Romans 15:4
- Surrender to God's Authority by Becoming a Follower of Jesus
- Commit the Next 7 Days to Praying the Surrender Prayer when Life Doesn't Go My Way.
- Sign up to be Baptized Next Sunday, August 23 @ 11 am

Application Guide:

1. What situation in your life is currently causing you the most frustration because it's not going the way you hoped?
2. How has your desire to control that situation affected your thoughts, emotions, and relationships?
3. How could trusting God's Authority change the way your respond to uncertainty this week?

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The Statue That Bowed Down

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Memory Verses:

"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope".
~Romans 15:4

_____ **GOD'S AUTHORITY**
NEVER _____
GOD'S RULE

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GOD DOESN'T NEED _____ TO BE GOD

“And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it from Ebenezer unto Ashdod...into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon. And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again.”

~1 Samuel 5:1-3

WHAT STANDS AGAINST GOD _____ STAND BEFORE GOD

“And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off upon the threshold; only the stump of Dagon was left to him.”

~1 Samuel 5:4

MOVING THE PROBLEM DOESN'T _____ GOD

“But the hand of the LORD was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with emerods, even Ashdod and the coasts thereof. And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us: for his hand is sore upon us, and upon Dagon our god.”

~1 Samuel 5:6-7

RESISTANCE CHANGES OUR EXPERIENCE WITH GOD, BUT NOT GOD'S _____ OVER US

“Therefore they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to his own place, that it slay us not, and our people: for there was a deadly destruction throughout the city; the hand of God was very heavy there. And the men that died not were smitten with emerods: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

~1 Samuel 5:11-12

SURRENDERING TO GOD

TURNS FRUSTRATION WITH GOD

INTO _____ IN GOD!