



**On this site on July 2<sup>nd</sup> in  
the year of our Lord 1863,**

**NOTHING HAPPENED!**

**(Move on!)**



Then the Lord said to Samuel, “I am about to do a shocking thing in Israel. I am going to carry out all my threats against Eli and his family, from beginning to end. I have warned him that judgment is coming upon his family forever, because his sons have made themselves contemptible to God and he has not disciplined them. So I have vowed that the sins of Eli and his sons will never be forgiven by sacrifices or offerings.”

1 Samuel 3:11-14 (NLT)

After the battle was over, the troops retreated to their camp and the elders of Israel asked, “Why did the Lord allow us to be defeated by the Philistines?” Then they said, “Let’s bring the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord from Shiloh. If we carry it into battle with us, it will save us from our enemies.” 1st Samuel 4:3 (NLT)

They attacked!

30,000 Jews died!

Eli's sons died

Ark of the Covenant was captured! Taken to their god's temple as a trophy!

When Eli heard the news, he fell backwards and died! (curse fulfilled)

# God CANNOT be taken prisoner!!

God destroyed the statue of Dagon!

God gave the Philistines sickness and tumors.

Philistines sent it back to Israel! (after seven months) with a tribute of gold trying to appease the Lord!

The Ark remained in Kiriath-jearim for a long time—twenty years in all. During that time all Israel mourned because it seemed the Lord had abandoned them.

1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 7:2 (NLT)



# Samuel Does it Right!

Tells Israel how to “clean up  
their act!”

1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 7:3-11 (NLT)

# Placed and Ebenezer Stone

## Ebenezer Stone

(Stone of Help)

Samuel then took a large stone and placed it between the towns of Mizpah and Jeshanah. He named it Ebenezer (which means “the stone of help”), for he said, “up to this point the Lord has helped us!”

1. The Past-their fallen state.

2. The Present- to remember what God just did.

3. The Future-To remember the assurance of His help in the future.

*Jesus*

Our Ebenezer  
Stone!

# Past

We need to remember  
what we were before  
Christ.

# Present

We need to understand that everything we do and say in this present world is because of God's grace and mercy.

# Future

Because of Christ, our  
Ebenezer Stone, we  
have a future and a  
hope in Him.

# Our Mission Statement

To live a life that helps  
others find Christ  
by:



Connecting with each  
other

Building on each other  
like a “Wall of Stone”

Showing others that we are  
part of a bigger story  
than ourselves.

Celebrating the fact that we  
are a part of a present that is  
bigger than the sum of  
its parts  
through Christ

# Leaving a Legacy of Christ

Leaving a model for future generations (both inside and outside of Trinity) that can be seen and followed.