

## Trouble

I loved it a couple of weeks ago during our children's sermon time when Dakota asked the little ones if they had ever been in trouble. I was sitting up front so I could see it in their eyes, each one knew they had been in trouble before but they also knew that church was not the place to talk about it. So Dakota's question was met with silence. The truth of the matter is that we have all been in trouble. We have done or said something that was not right. Or we failed to do something that we were supposed to do. It is so much easier to go through life without getting in any type of trouble. That way we don't have to face any consequences or see the disappointed looks on the faces of others. But there are times in life when you come to a crossroads of doing what is right or doing what other people expect you to do. Which road do you choose?

In the bible we read about a man who could be considered a troublemaker. The things he did and the things he said often landed him in trouble with the people who had the loudest opinions. His name is Jesus. We only have one story in the bible of Jesus growing up. And wouldn't you know it, it is a story about Jesus getting into trouble. At the age of 12 Jesus slipped away from His parents when they were headed from Jerusalem back home to Nazareth. When they finally caught up with Jesus He was in the temple courts talking with the teachers. After being chastised by His parents Jesus responded by saying that He just needed to be about His Father's business. That set the stage for later in life when Jesus seemed to be in constant conflict with the Pharisees and the teachers of the law. Jesus healed on the Sabbath, He and His disciples picked grain on the Sabbath and Jesus traveled on the Sabbath. All of those things landed Him in hot water with the religious people of that time.

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Colossians 3:23-24*

Jesus' actions and attitude is something that we need to emulate. We answer to God first. We don't take a poll to see what most people think. We live and serve to please God. Then we just let the dust settle.

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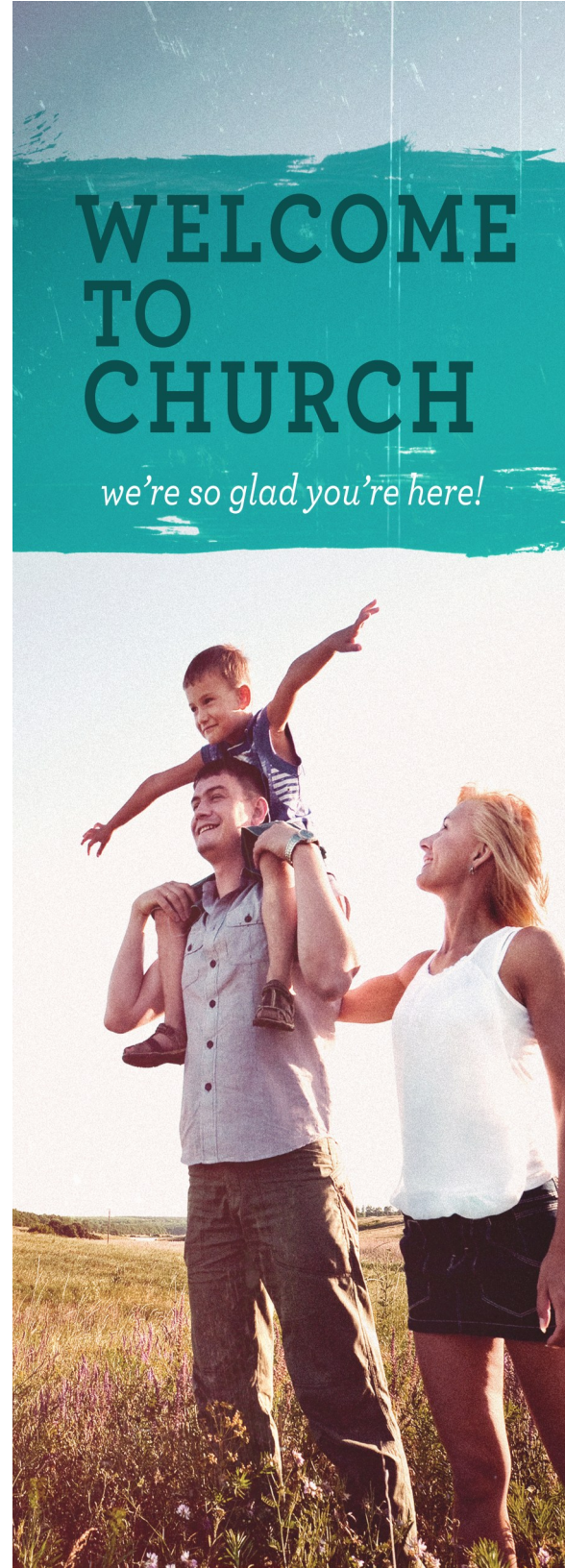
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