

Sermon Notes

FEBRUARY 4 & 5, 2012



MADE To Rule Part 2

Authority: "that which allows _____ or _____"

We only have _____ in our lives to the degree that we live _____

Luke 7, Matthew 28:18, Luke 10:19, Romans 5:17,

Ephesians 1:18-22; 2:6



Listen to this sermon and others by Chris Seidman, our Senior Minister, online at www.thebranch.org or on CD (\$5) in the lobby. Contact: multimedia@thebranch.org for more information.

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Small Group Study

Homework to prepare for your group time

Discover

Read Luke 10:1-24.

1. What does Jesus say to the disciples when they return (vv. 18-20)?

2. What do these verses show you about the privileges you have in Jesus Christ? Of these privileges, which are you experiencing now?

Read Romans 5:12-21.

3. How has the sin of Adam affected his descendants to the present day?

4. What results did the death of Jesus Christ bring?

Apply

5. In what ways are you being mastered by things that we were created to be masters over?

6. What does it mean to live under the authority of God?

7. How has a restored relationship with God, through Jesus, allowed you to regain authority?

8. What specifically do YOU need to do to better understand God's will?

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The Branch

FEBRUARY 4 & 5, 2012

Welcome to The Branch at Vista Ridge First time here?

It is great to have you as a guest in our church home. We would love to know a little bit more about you. Please fill out the communication card and drop it in the offering or at the Welcome Center. You may also want to pick up a first time guest bag.

The Branch is one church in multiple locations that exists to help people live in an intimate relationship with God. Each weekend, we have **five services in two venues on two campuses**. Chris Seidman, our Senior Minister, rotates between venues. Each venue is equipped to project a video of the message when Chris is not in person at that location.

This Weekend

Saturday

Venue Host: Steve Calvert
Worship Leader: Ryan King

5:00 pm Service

Downtown - 3 months - Preschool

Sunday

Venue Host: Steve Calvert
Worship Leader: Jaron Pitts

9:00 am Service

Downtown - 3 months - Preschool

Uptown - K - 4th Grade

10:45 am Service

Downtown - 3 months - Preschool

Uptown - K - 4th Grade

Route 56 - 5th & 6th Grades

Seventy8 - 7th & 8th Grades

912* - 9th - 12th Grades



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FIRST TIME GUESTS

Welcome! Please complete the information below and place with the offering or turn in at the Information Center. **Please print clearly.**

Name(s): _____ M/F

Single Married His DOB ____/____/____ Her DOB ____/____/____

Address: _____ Apt# _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip _____

Household Phone: (____) _____ - _____

HIS Email: _____

HER Email: _____

Children (please list children 18 and under):

_____ M/F DOB: ____/____/____

_____ M/F DOB: ____/____/____

_____ M/F DOB: ____/____/____

How did you hear about The Branch:

Website Saw the building Other: _____

Friend/Family: _____ VR 2/5/2012

MEMBERS & REGULAR GUESTS

Please let us know you were here today. Place cards with the offering or turn in at the Information Center. **Please print clearly.**

Adults attending today:

Last Name _____ First Name(s) _____

Please update my information:

Address: _____ Apt# _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip _____

Household Phone: (____) _____ - _____

HIS Cell Phone: (____) _____ - _____

HER Cell Phone: (____) _____ - _____

HIS Email: _____

HER Email: _____

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PRAYER/INFORMATION REQUEST

Requested by: _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Please Keep Prayer Request Confidential (Staff and Elders Only)

You will find a copy of the last week's prayer requests in the Lobby.

I want to dedicate/rededicate my life to Jesus

I would like to be baptized

I would like to find out more about **membership** at The Branch

I would like help in finding a small group

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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- FB VR** 04/05 First and Ten Weekend
- 12 Young At Heart (55+) Valentine Luncheon
- VR** 17 Princess Ball
- VR** 19 The Branch Orientation
- FB** 24/25 Marriage Seminar

MARCH

- FB** 25 The Branch Orientation
- 30/31 Men's Retreat

APRIL

- 07 Easter Picnics (More info coming!)
- 08 Easter Sunday
- FB VR** 11 Baptism Class
- FB** 20/21 Spring Women's Retreat

Location of Event

FB Farmers Branch Campus

VR Vista Ridge Campus

Registration **ONLINE**

GETTING INVOLVED

Become a Member: Attend an Orientation

Membership helps us identify those who are committing to The Branch, and helps you find ways to get involved. The Branch Orientation is offered once a month on Sundays from **10:45 am to 1:30 pm. Lunch and childcare provided.**

Upcoming Orientation dates are:

VR Sunday, February 19th

FB Sunday, March 25th

For more information, check the box on the communication card. Register online, or contact Paula Braugh at pbraugh@thebranch.org or 972-284-7823.



online giving
set up one-time or recurring gifts
www.thebranch.org

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 1767
Contribution: \$ 42,518
Budget: \$ 61,538
Average To-Date: \$ 41,676

One To Grow On

Total Committed: \$ 4,927,350
Total Given: \$ 4,147,353

MORE INFORMATION

You will find the following in the lobby:

Prayer Requests - Monthly Birthday Sheet
Wedding and Baby Shower Information

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our most recent new members from the Farmers Branch Campus Branch Orientation:

Larry Barber
Baia Chambless
Jacklyn O'Connor
Jordan Purser
Mark and Cheryl Skaggs
Marie Solomon
Mark Stauffer
Ann Steele



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UPCOMING EVENTS



First and Ten Weekend,

February 4th/5th **FB VR**

We are on a journey, training together in the joyful discipline of tithing as a church. While many are in the habit of tithing every time they receive income, others of us are learning to incorporate this habit into our lives.

To help us learn this rhythm, we're adopting the first weekend of every month in 2012 as a "First and Ten" weekend. These are weekends with the goal of having every member give a tithe (the first 10%) of a recent paycheck or other income toward the mission of God at The Branch. Giving can be done online as well. There are so many blessings that come with learning to put God first when it comes to our resources. And when we do it together, it unleashes The Branch all the more to make a difference locally and globally.



Young At Heart Valentine Luncheon

Sunday, February 12

12:00 Noon

Join us for our annual banquet. This year we will be at The Victoria Restaurant, 13435 Bee Street, Farmers Branch, TX 75234.

The cost is \$10 per person (*to be collected at your table that day*). Our menu will be a Mexican and American food buffet. Register by calling Bro Eddy at 972-345-1645 or 214-223-0143; Paula Braugh at 972-284-7823; or contact them via email, eketchersid@thebranch.org, pbraugh@thebranch.org.



Princess Ball **VR**

Annual Father and Daughter Dance

February 17th from 6:00-8:00 pm

Dinner begins at 6:00 pm

Dessert begins at 6:45 pm

This is going to be a memorable night for girls and dads of all ages.

We'll go through the looking glass with our theme, "A Wonderland Tea Party." The Vista Ridge Campus will turn into a Wonderland you won't forget. The cost per person for dinner, dessert, and dancing is \$25. The cost per person for dessert only and dancing is \$15.



Read the Bible Daily in 2012 - Reading for Week 6:

- Feb. 06 Leviticus 1-3; Acts 13
- Feb. 07 Leviticus 4-6; Acts 14
- Feb. 08 Leviticus 7-9; Acts 15
- Feb. 09 Leviticus 10-12; Acts 16
- Feb. 10 Leviticus 13-14; Acts 17
- Feb. 11 Leviticus 15-17; Acts 18
- Feb. 12 Leviticus 18-19; Psalm 13; Acts 19

Singles in their 30s, 40s, and 50s

We have a new group forming for singles! They are planning a variety of activities to help connect with others. You can find out more about what is going on at www.meetup.com/the-branch-church-singles-group, or by contacting Christy Black at 214-429-6191.



Farmers Branch Campus, Feb. 24/25 **FB VR**

Pricing: **Regular (February 1-18): \$85 per couple**

Late (February 19-24): \$95 per couple

We will be hosting Dr. Doug Weiss for a two-day marriage seminar at the Farmers Branch Campus. Couples attending this conference will be given the tools needed for an abundant marriage. Doug Weiss will walk couples through the three levels of intimacy--spiritual, emotional and physical--so that marriages can remain strong and resistant to divorce, which is plaguing America today. When marriages are intimate, they can last a lifetime!

Dr. Doug Weiss is a Licensed Psychologist and the Executive Director of Heart to Heart Counseling Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Featuring
Dr. Doug Weiss



Dr. Weiss is a frequent guest on television, radio, and print media, including Oprah, Dr. Phil, Good Morning America, CNN, 20/20, 48 Hours, and Fox News. Cost includes dinner Friday night and breakfast, lunch and snacks on Saturday. We will begin on Friday evening at 6:30 pm. Saturday morning will begin at 8:30 am and finish by 4:00 pm. **Childcare will not be available.**

BONUS Sessions: Dr. Weiss will conduct two gender-specific mini-sessions for men and women on Friday, February 24, before the seminar begins. For the women, he will present How to Really Love a Man, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. For the men, he will present Sex, Men, and God, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. These extra sessions are an additional \$20 each. Childcare will be available for the women's morning session only.



March 30-31
Riverbend Retreat
Center
Glen Rose, TX

Pricing: **Early Bird (Before February 14): \$65**

Regular (February 15-March 11): \$75

Late (March 12-23): \$85

Men are called to be disciples of Jesus and leaders in our homes, church, and community. But what does that mean? Join other men of The Branch at the Riverbend Retreat Center as we explore who Jesus is and what He has called us to be. We will have times of worship, recreation, fellowship, and more. We will start Friday evening (dinner on your own), and conclude with dinner together Saturday evening. Details are still in the works. Contact Jason Burnett (jburnett@thebranch.org) if you would like to help.