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In 1 Samuel 26:18 David is standing on a hill. Down in the valley lies Saul and his army. It has been the practice of Saul to chase David in the hopes of killing him. On the hill David cries out to Saul, "Why is my lord pursuing his servant? What have I done, and what wrong am I guilty of?"

In this season of his life, David's primary activity was running. Saul and his men would chase him and he'd run. It's like he was on a treadmill, running and running, but never coming any closer to his kingship, to what God had for him, and never able to put a whole lot of distance between him and Saul. Have you ever wanted to get somewhere – personally, physically, spiritually – but things happened that kept getting in the way of you arriving at your goal?

It's not uncommon for followers of Christ to feel discouraged, hopeless, bitter or angry at God or others. It's not uncommon to, at the very least, feel confused about what's going on and to question oneself back into a corner. "Did I misunderstand what You said, God? Have I done something wrong? Are You still with me?"

Enduring those seasons of challenge and opposition actually serve a

very critical purpose in God accomplishing His plan for us. You see, God hadn't just called David to be King. He called him to be His King. Enduring hard, even unjust things is the soil where we learn to trust God, to wait on God, and to strengthen our faith in His ability to take us from where we are to where He desires us to be. So David ran, and in the process he learned that he could trust God not only with his Kingship, but also with his life.

If you feel as though you're on a treadmill – running from or running to something but not getting any closer – instead of questioning God's call on your life, or His love for you, use that time to choose to trust Him, no matter how hard, challenging or discouraging life gets.

Pray for Pastoral Searches at these churches:

- Bow Island
- New Life (Calgary)
- Foremost
- Bethel (Vauxhall)
- Saskatoon
- Buffalo Narrows
- Meadow Lake
- Quill Lake

DISTRICT NEWS

First Free—Calgary

Jaime Cisterna has taken over the preaching responsibilities at First Free. He also pastors a Brazilian church that meets at First Free. Did you know that 80-85% of those who attend the Brazilian church accepted Christ after arriving in Canada?

Okotoks EFC

Dwight Forseth began as worship director in November, following a ministry position at McKenzie Towne Church in Calgary. Dwight and his wife, Lisa, have lived in Okotoks for several years, and they have three young adult children.



New Life EFC—Calgary

Evan and Meyen Hertzprung have concluded their youth ministry at New Life. We wish them God's best in their future ministry.

Bow Island EFC

Roger and Cheryl Lobb have resigned after 17 years of faithful service at Bow Island, first as pastor of youth and Christian education and most recently as senior pastor. Thank you, Roger and Cheryl, for your years in the Prairie District.

Bethel EFC—Vauxhall

Ken and Cathy Easterbrook have announced their semi-retirement and will be finishing at Bethel in late March following nine years of ministry. Blessings to the Easterbrooks as they plan to relocate to BC.

EFC of Meadow Lake

Dean Eisner is serving as the interim pastor at Meadow Lake, following an interim position at Mount Olive EFC in Three Hills.

Ministry Closures

Monterey Park EFC (Calgary) and Etzikom EFC have officially closed. We praise the Lord for so many years of fruitful ministry in these locations and pray for wisdom to discern God's direction regarding the Monterey Park property.

Our Deepest Sympathies

...to the family of Ian Lawson (lead pastor at the EFC of Lethbridge) on the passing of his wife, Connie, on February 5. Connie served the church for 15 years in the area of women's ministries. Continue to pray for the family and the church as they mourn.

Financial Update: Your gifts make the ministry of the Prairie District possible.

Equal Shares Budget (Oct-Dec) \$30,825
Equal Shares Giving (Oct-Dec) \$18,649

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DATES TO NOTE...

March 6-8

Prairie District Staff / Spouse Retreat
The Resort at Cypress Hills

August 4-6

EFCC Conference 2016
Fort Langley, BC
Keynote Speaker: Mark Buchanan
Registration available in March
www.efcc.ca

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If we do not build our future leaders, we will be done. Pray and give \$10 per year for three years to fund leadership preparation into the future.. www.efcc.ca

Southern Alberta Ladies' Retreat April 15-17, 2016

SABC (Southern Alberta Bible Camp)
Un-shake-able-joy with Grace Fox
\$160 (or \$80 for Saturday only)
Registration Deadline: March 31
www.efcladiesretreat.weebly.com

Saskatchewan Ladies' Retreat April 29—May 1, 2016

Shekinah Retreat Center near Waldheim
Loving Well sessions with Beth Moore
\$180
Registration Deadline: April 15, 2016
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