

Sticks and Stones...

2 Samuel 16:5-14

THE STORY

Life Lessons From a Dirt Road for 2013:

How to Avoid Life's Detours...

❶ Stay Self Aware

2 Samuel 16:10

❷ Get Perspective

2 Samuel 16:11

❸ Be Teachable

2 Samuel 16:12

❹ Offer Forgiveness

2 Samuel 16:13, 19:16-23, 1 Kings 2:8-9

❺ Find Rest

2 Samuel 16:14

Stand Alone Message: *Sticks and Stones...*
Message by Pastor Jesse Elizondo (1/6/13).

REALife Application

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Proverbs 9:10

Philippians 2:2-3

Colossians 3:13-14

Hebrews 10:24-25

Looking back at what you wrote above, are there any you need to refocus on for 2013?

2. If you've been at TRBC for any length of time, you've heard it said that one of the keys to successfully following Christ is through significant relationships. How does Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 describe a few of the physical, spiritual and emotional benefits of "doing life" with friends who encourage you?

Are there any adjustments, changes or things you want to make sure you're doing in 2013 to stay connected and available to serve and encourage others?

3. As followers of Christ, our life, words, attitudes and actions impact those around us (Acts 1:8). Looking back at the key points in this weekend's teaching, which point do you want to make sure you keep in place for 2013 when the annoyances and challenges occur?

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