



Springcreek  
CHURCH

2660 Belt Line Road  
Garland, TX 75044  
972.494.5683  
www.springcreekchurch.org

### THE FATHER'S BUSINESS

Taking Care of Business: Your, Mine and Ours – Part 1

Pastor Keith Stewart

February 17-18, 2018

*Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."*

*"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them. Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.*  
Luke 2.41-52

#### 1. THE DAY JESUS WENT AWOL

What happened?

*"It was probably when the caravan halted for the night that He was missed. At the present day the women commonly start first, and the men follow; the little children being with the mothers, and the older with either. If this was the case then, Mary might fancy that He was with Joseph, and Joseph that He was with Mary." - Alfred Plummer, Luke*

*"And then I even trusted that stranger not to think, 'Gee, I was about to catch my train home, but now I'll abduct this adorable child instead.'" - Lenore Sknazy*



Springcreek  
C H U R C H

2660 Belt Line Road  
Garland, TX 75044  
972.494.5683  
[www.springcreekchurch.org](http://www.springcreekchurch.org)

❑ What you must not miss

- A foreshadowing of what's to come

- The necessary actions of Christ

*Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?* Luke 2.49 (New Century Version)

Jesus must (dei) preach (4.43)

Must (dei) suffer (9.22)

Must (dei) go on his way (13.33)

Must (dei) stay at the home of Zacchaeus (19.5)

Must (dei) be delivered up, crucified, rise again (24.7)

Must suffer these things and enter into his glory (22.37; 24.46)

Must fulfill all the Old Testament prophecies with reference to himself (24.44).



Springcreek  
CHURCH

2660 Belt Line Road  
Garland, TX 75044  
972.494.5683  
[www.springcreekchurch.org](http://www.springcreekchurch.org)

- The business of the Father

*I had to be about My Father's business.* Luke 2.49

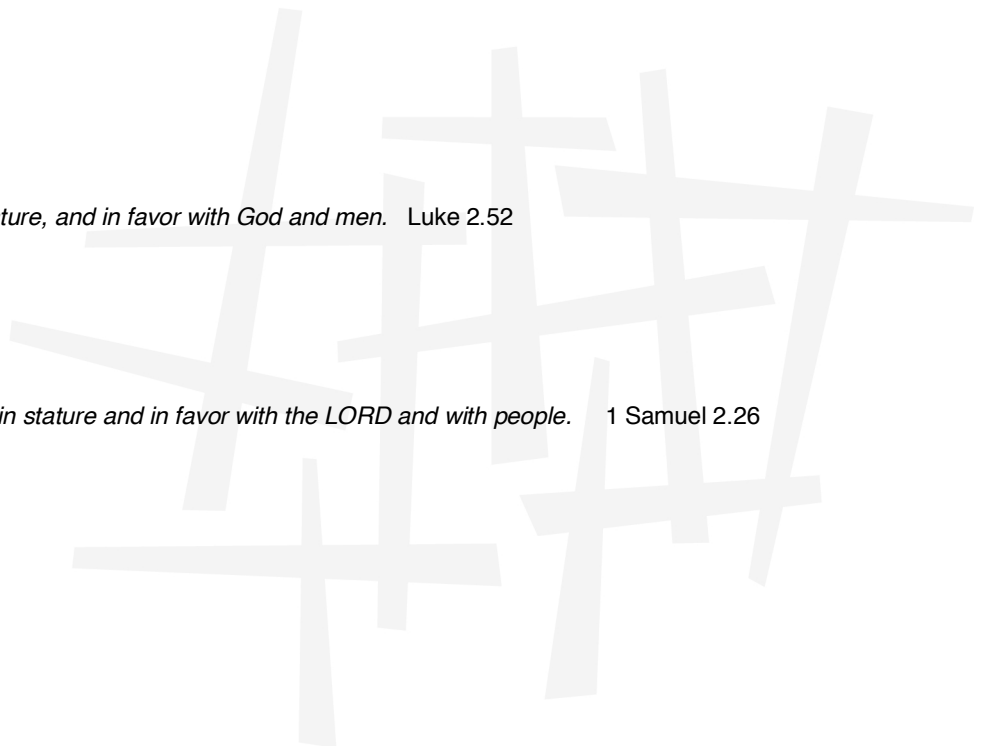
*For this I have been born...* John 18.37

- The reaction of the rabbis

- The parallels with Samuel

*And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.* Luke 2.52

*And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the LORD and with people.* 1 Samuel 2.26





Springcreek  
CHURCH

2660 Belt Line Road  
Garland, TX 75044  
972.494.5683  
www.springcreekchurch.org

## **2. A FAITH FORGED IN THE STREETS**

## **3. A RADICAL REORIENTATION TOWARDS GOD'S PURPOSES**

*I must be about my Father's business.* Luke 2.49

*It is finished.* John 19.30

God has wired you for passionate living

*Take heed to the ministry you've received from the Lord and fulfill it.* Colossians 4.17 (KJV)

*Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. Don't be impressed with yourself. Don't compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life.* Galatians 6.4 (The Message)



Springcreek  
CHURCH

2660 Belt Line Road  
Garland, TX 75044  
972.494.5683  
[www.springcreekchurch.org](http://www.springcreekchurch.org)

“If we really want the fullness, the richness, and the joy of life, if we want genuine significance and true success, if we want to find our meaning and purpose, then we should not look at others and try to copy what has been given to them. Rather, we need to consider, ‘What has been given to me? What endowments do I possess?’”

- Arthur Miller, “Why You Can’t Be Anything You Want to Be.”

You are unique in your calling and gifting

*But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.*  
1 Corinthians 12.11 (NASB)

It’s your responsibility to put your gifting to work

“God gives you a thousand bucks, yes, and then he tells you to go down to the bank and to trade it in for a thousand dollars worth of quarters, and then all throughout the day and the week and the month and the years, God says, Lay your quarter down here. Put fifty cents down there. Not necessarily glorious, but necessary, and that’s how the people of God are to use their gifts.” - Fred Craddock

