



**"Thus far the Lord has
helped us"**

1 Samuel 7:12





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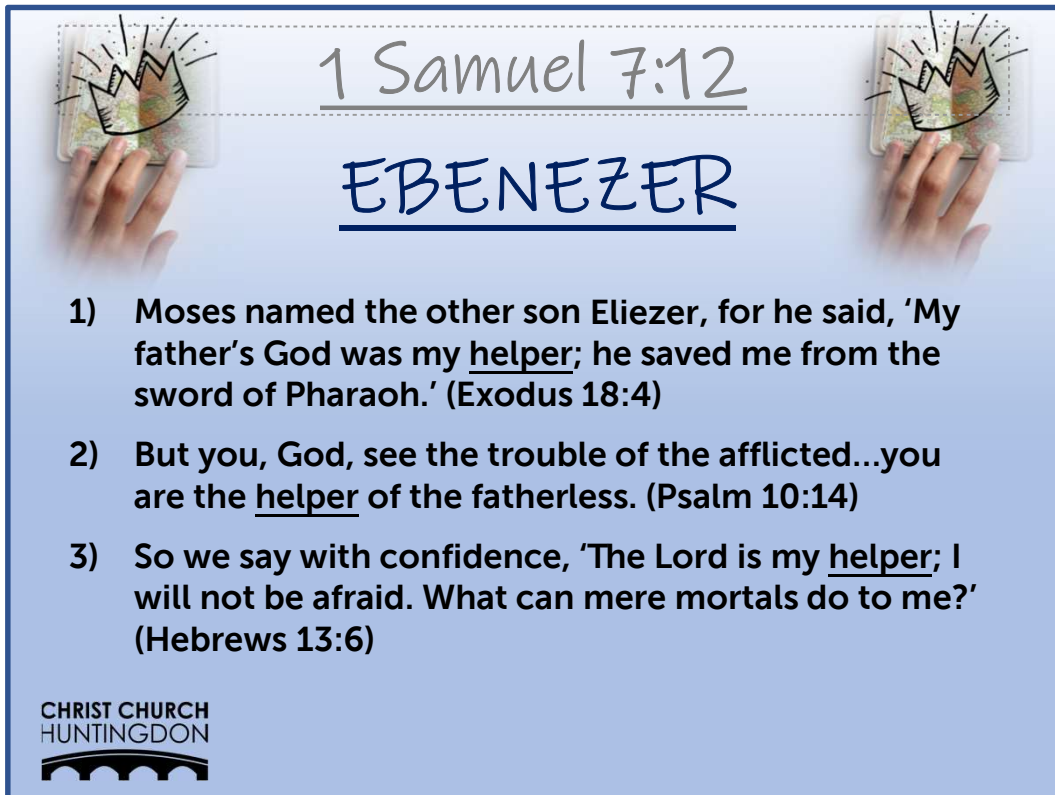
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- 1) Moses named the other son Eliezer, for he said, 'My father's God was my helper; he saved me from the sword of Pharaoh.' (Exodus 18:4)
- 2) But you, God, see the trouble of the afflicted...you are the helper of the fatherless. (Psalm 10:14)
- 3) So we say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?' (Hebrews 13:6)

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Will we follow the King?

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- 1) **Remind yourself of the story of 7:2-17 and which factors made all the difference. How should this impact the battles you face in life?**
- 2) **A couple of weeks ago we looked at the difference between the first and second battles of Ebenezer (ch4 vs ch7). How do the different memorials (Ichabod- 4:21 and Ebenezer- 7:12) compare and contrast? What lessons should we draw from the different attitudes in these passages?**
- 3) **"Count your blessings, name them one by one". Now or later, why not make a list of the ways in which God has blessed you with gifts, and then thank him for them. Think about blessings in...**
 - 1) **In Creation (kind provisions in the things and situation you have)**
 - 2) **In Relationships (who is/has been a blessing in your life)**
 - 3) **In Christ (you may like to look up Eph 1:3-14 if you run out!)**
- 4) **What lessons have you learned from our studies in 1 Samuel 1-8? About God and about yourself?**
For further study... Some more verses on God our helper: Ex 18:5; Deut 33:29; Ps 10:14; Hos 13:9; Heb 13:6. If God is our "helper", how does that make you feel in areas of your life where you are called to be a helper (eg Gen 2:18, Acts 19:22).

