

Sunday, August 2, 2020

Pastor Jake Magee

For Everyone | Helping Unbelief

Luke 9: 37-43



<sup>37</sup> On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup> And behold, a man from the crowd cried out, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. <sup>39</sup> And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out. It convulses him so that he foams at the mouth, and shatters him, and will hardly leave him. <sup>40</sup> And I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." <sup>41</sup> Jesus answered, "O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." <sup>42</sup> While he was coming, the demon threw him to the ground and convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43</sup> And all were astonished at the majesty of God." - **Luke 9**

<sup>21</sup> And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. <sup>22</sup> And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." <sup>23</sup> And Jesus said to him, " 'If you can!' All things are possible for one who believes." <sup>24</sup> Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" - **Mark 9**

### Helps for Unbelief

- Jesus' Exaltation ≠ Evacuation
- Stop Drinking the Water
- Solutions Sometimes Make Things Worse Before Better
- You are Not the Measure of God's Power
- Prayer Works When I Can't

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Dear FBC family,

We wanted to give you a brief look in on our process of finding our next Worship Pastor. We desire your prayers and support as we move forward. We've assembled a search team made up of the following members of Shelton FBC: Pastor James Dale, Natalie Hamilton, Pastor Glen Keeffe, Pastor Jake Magee, Anne-Marie Nakhla, Sylvia Sims, and Len Williams. Our process is made up of the following six steps:

**Step # 1 - Intercession.** We have dedicated special time to prayer and fasting. God has the right person out there somewhere in the world. We don't know who that person is, but we know He does! We also recognize our amazing ability to get in the way of God's perfect will for us. We believe prayer is critical during this search to help us get out of the way. Will you join us in prayer and fasting in this season of searching?

**Step # 2 - Advertising-** Not only are we using traditional routes to make this position known (such as ministry staffing websites), we are exhausting all of our personal and ministry connections. You might know someone the Lord might be calling to Shelton FBC. If so, give them our website address and encourage them to apply: [www.sheltonfbc.org/search](http://www.sheltonfbc.org/search).

**Step #3 - Introductions-** As we connect with applicants, we start with application, resume, references, faith story, philosophy of musical worship, and media clips of worship services they've facilitated. In addition, we conduct our own personal research of the applicant (e.g., social media platforms and ministry websites). It's been our experience that 90% of applicants will not go beyond this point.

**Step #4 - Exploration-** If we feel good about an applicant and they feel good about us, we begin a series of interviews designed to assess their character, competency, and chemistry. This will include multiple conversations with the personal and ministry references given. This process will continue until the team feels satisfied that we can move onto the next step or move onto the next person.

**Step #5 - Invitation-** If step #4 is successful, we will invite the candidate to come and visit FBC to interview with our Pastors and Elders and to lead worship on a Sunday morning. Our Pastors and Elders will be available after the services to answer questions. The candidate will be available after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service to meet you. This visit will also include a special Q&A session for volunteers in the worship and technical departments with the candidate.

**Step #6 - Recommendation** - If after all this the search team feels confident to recommend a candidate for hire, they will submit an official recommendation for hire to the Pastors & Elders. If the recommendation is approved, the position will be formally offered to the candidate.

I hope this summary of the process is helpful. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at [search@sheltonfbc.org](mailto:search@sheltonfbc.org).

Sincerely,

Pastor Jake



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- ◆ **Sign Up to attend** 9am or 10:30am <http://www.sheltonfbc.org/>
- ◆ **Sunday Morning** Notes & Questions online at: <http://www.sheltonfbc.org/sundaymornings/>
- ◆ **Watch our Live Stream Services** Sundays @ 9:00 and 10:30am <https://www.facebook.com/sheltonfbc/>  
Scroll down the page to see the Livestream. Comment to let us know you're with us!
- ◆ **Watch our RECORDED Service** on Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/user104570771> click on the **+FOLLOW** in the right hand corner to get notices of our postings.
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