



January 2008

Scataglini Ministries, Inc.

Sergio's Itinerary

FEBRUARY

Feb 13 Wed

Virtual Meeting
Forest Hill, LA

Feb 14 Thurs

Virtual Meeting
Talcahuano, Chile
Cordoba, Argentina

Feb 20 Wed

Virtual Meeting
Loxahatchee, FL

Feb 21 Thurs

Virtual Meeting
Houston, TX

Feb 27 Wed

Virtual Meeting
Fort Wayne, IN
Port St. Lucie, FL
Fort Wayne, IN

MARCH

Mar 12 Wed

Virtual Meeting
Forest Hill, LA

Mar 13 Thurs

Virtual Meeting
Talcahuano, Chile
Cordoba, Argentina

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SAUL: THE TRANSGRESSION OF FOOLISHNESS

(Part 17) By Sergio Scataglini

I had a professor at Bible School who used to say, "The essence of sin is stupidity."

In I Samuel 13, we see Saul as an example of this. In this passage, Samuel, the priest, rebukes King Saul, "You acted foolishly," Samuel said. "You have not kept the command the LORD your God gave you."

The word foolishness is described in one dictionary as, "Lacking or exhibiting a lack of good sense or judgment; silly".

Holiness and foolishness can never mix. If you want to be holy, but you enjoy your foolishness, there will be a



time when you are going to have to choose one or the other.

The following are the characteristics (to be avoided) of those who walk in foolishness.

1) A foolish person acts out of context. Saul did his own thing. There are a lot of people today in church who live lives of isolation. They will not take correction; they do not seek advice. Many unaware Christians lose their integrity because they work in isolation. Prov. 11:14 tells us: "*For lack of guidance a nation falls, but many advisers make victory sure.*"

2) A foolish person has the wrong sense of timing. Doing the will of God is not only getting a green light from God, but discerning the timing of God. We need that strategic sense to obey Him in due time. Some people have everything right in the presence of the Lord, except their spiritual watch. They rush or they delay in doing His will. We need to develop a divine sense of timing.

3) A foolish person does not know how to set clear boundaries. Samuel was the appointed man of God as prophet and priest. Saul was the appointed man of God as King. However, Saul crossed the boundaries. He basically said, "Sorry pastor, I could not wait for you." He had a spirit of

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Guatemala Virtual Conference "A Huge Success"

With a packed crowd of Pastors, Leaders, and church members...[we] were in AWE of what God did during our 3-Day Conference on the south coast of Guatemala. There were 149 in attendance. What a great time to be alive!

Pastor Sergio Scataglini was with us, live, but via



satellite and an internet connection!!!

It seems rather impersonal, doesn't it? But IT WORKS! The Holy Spirit was right there in our

room, moving in lives, as only He can do!! It was truly an incredible experience for all of us and it taught us that we serve a God of unique ideas and that

Nothing Is Impossible with Him!!

Pastor Sergio brought us an extreme message of Holiness and even though we

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watched him speak "on the screen", when he gave the altar call, pastors were some of the first ones to run to



the altar and fall on their knees! Lives and ministries were transformed! Also, **miracles** took place with testimonies of how God healed some of the people during the services, too!

This blew everyone's minds—the whole idea that we were seeing Sergio live...preaching to us from his office in the USA, transmitted over the airwaves to a satellite, to our computer, and then visualized from a projector onto two screens. And then to think that he could see us too with a small computer camera that we had on our end which scanned our group. WOW, what technology.

When Wayne said he knew God wanted him to hold this conference and bring Rev. Sergio via internet, I thought that was great. But when I

saw how exhausting it was to get a connection [in this remote area] and then when we did, it kept cutting out, I told Wayne "I just don't know about this! The pastors are going to show up, and what are we going to do if there is no connection?"

But you know what? When it's a God-thing, nothing can stop it. Wayne followed through with a dream he had ... and it became a reality! This in itself is part of the message I preached about on Tuesday evening.

1 Corinthians 2:9 says this: *No eye has seen, no ear has heard, what God has planned for those who love Him.* In other words we can say it this way...

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, what God has planned FOR YOU!!! Believe it!

We only need to step into that anointing. When we pray, we need to take the time to *listen* to the Holy Spirit talking to us with encouraging words like "go ahead...hold a confer-



ence for the pastors on the south coast, because God is ready to refresh them and pour out His Holy Spirit on them". We can listen to the spirit of the world, with all of its negative and depressing words like "You can't, you'll never be able to...", etc" OR we can listen to the Holy Spirit and His words of Hope and Encouragement to go ahead and DREAM BIG...and then watch it become a reality.

If you would like to read more about Holiness, please read Rev. Sergio Scataglini's book entitled: **Fire of His Holiness**. He has also written another book called: **The Twelve Transgressions**. We gave every pastor who attended this conference a choice of one of these two books.

With love,

*Pastors Wayne and Jeny Monson
Missionaries to Guatemala*

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Saul: Foolishness (cont.)

rugged individualism. Out of his impatience, this man crossed the boundaries of his own calling and authority.

One of the secrets to keep the fire of God burning in our lives is not to exceed the boundaries of our own calling. We need to have the humility to work within what the Lord gave us to do. Some people never learn to carry the Ark of the Covenant without touching it. There are grave and terrible consequences for those who in their enthusiasm, cross into areas outside of their spiritual territory.

4) **Foolish people often ignore reality.** There is a price to pay for foolishness, when we ignore reality. 1 Samuel 13:22 tells us that when the Philistines came down to attack

them, the people in Saul's army did not even have a sword, except for Saul and his son, Jonathan. This is another picture of doing ministry in a foolish way.

5) **A foolish person will not have a good ending.** Samson, Solomon and Saul all died before maturity--spiritual maturity. Today we see many ministries that have died before coming into fruitfulness.

I pray that God will increase our discernment and remove all foolishness from our hearts and restore ministries. Humility is a big key to avoiding foolishness. We must align ourselves with the call of God and learn to say, "Lord, you were right; I was wrong. Forgive me; I embrace a life of wisdom from this day on." □