

SAMUEL PART V
I SAMUEL CHAPTERS 8-11
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INTRODUCTION

- Samuel was a prophet and leader.
- Israel was under constant attack and the people were desperate for a leader.
- Last week we covered chapter 7 and we talked about reversing our failures.
- This week I Samuel 8-11, a sad story for Israel but a glimpse into Samuel's soul.
- We all do well when we are winning, but how about with disappointment and failure? How do you do?

I. THE FAILURE OF A FATHER

- I Samuel 8:1-4, "As Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons to be judges over Israel. ² Joel and Abijah... were not like their father, for they were greedy for money... ⁴ Finally, all the elders of Israel met... to discuss the matter with Samuel... 'You are now old, and your sons are not like you. Give us a king to judge us like all the other nations have.'"
- The people demand a king, so God's plans were thwarted. But God is not thwarted!
- Vss. 6-9 - Samuel was displeased with their request and went to the Lord for guidance. ⁷ "Do everything they say to you... for they are rejecting me, not you... but solemnly warn them about the way a king will reign over them."
- Samuel went to the Lord with his pain and God directed his steps.

- I Samuel 8:10-22 NLT, "So Samuel passed on the Lord's warning to the people... ¹⁹ But the people refused to listen to Samuel's warning..."

II. SETTLING FOR SECOND BEST

- Saul is usually thought of as a bad guy, but the truth is he began well. A good son – I Samuel 9:1-5.
- Vs. 21 Saul's humility
- In spite of all Saul's advantages, he failed miserably because he didn't allow God to be the Lord of his life.
- Saul's battle with pride and insecurity become very apparent as time goes on.
- You must allow the Holy Spirit to conquer you inside so you can then conquer and build on the outside.

III. POSITIONED FOR GREAT POSSIBILITY

- God did for Saul what He does for each of us if we will seek Him. He moves details to bring blessings.
- God allowed Saul to win his first battle and solidify his authority in Israel.
- His Saul's insecurity prevented him from trusting the Lord deeply and getting the healing he needed.
- If you are going to win the war you must start with yourself; your heart, your insecurities and fears.
- You must face them and believe God to break them and to heal you.
- Begin by renouncing things that cause you to struggle.
- Yield them to the Spirit of God.

CLOSE

- What began so well ended terribly.