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1 Samuel 8:1-5a, *When Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons as Israel's leaders. The name of his firstborn was Joel and the name of his second was Abijah, and they served at Beersheba. But his sons did not follow his ways. They turned aside after dishonest gain and accepted bribes and perverted justice. So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us..."*

- ✳ **Not wanting to be lead by foolish leaders makes total sense.**
- ✳ **Proverbs 29:2**, When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan.

Top 4 Verses over 33 Years of Parenting . . .

- ✳ **James 1:5**, If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God who gives to all without finding fault.
- ✳ **Ephesians 6:4**, Fathers, do not exasperate your children, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. (NIV/KJV)
- ✳ **Deuteronomy 6:6-8**, These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.
- ✳ **1 Timothy 3:4-5**, He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect.

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1 Samuel 8:5-6, *They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have." But when they said, "Give us a king to lead us," this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord.*

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1 Samuel 8:5-6, *And the Lord told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you..."*

- ✳ **Proverbs 16:2**, All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the Lord.
- ✳ **Deuteronomy 17:14-20** - The regulations for appointing a king.

What's wrong with asking for a king? Nothing . . . but here? Everything!

THE KINGDOM NO ONE WANTED

Exodus 19:6, *Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.*

1 Peter 2:10, *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

Matthew 5:14-17, *You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden, neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand so it gives light to everyone in the room. In the same way let your light shine before men so they may see your good works and praise your Father in heaven.*

John 7:7, *The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify that its works are evil.*

Being the Light of the World is at times more Lightning Rod than Light House.

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1 Samuel 8:9-18, *"Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights." Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "This is what the king who will reign over you*

will claim as his rights: **He will take** your sons and make them serve with his chariots and horses, and they will run in front of his chariots. Some he will assign to be commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and others to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and still others to make weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. **He will take** your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. **He will take** the best of your fields and vineyards and olive groves and give them to his attendants. **He will take** a tenth of your grain and of your vintage and give it to his officials and attendants. Your male and female servants and the best of your cattle and donkeys he will take for his own use. **He will take** a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his slaves. When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, but the Lord will not answer you in that day.”

John 19:13-16, When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge’s seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha). It was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about noon. “Here is your king,” Pilate said to the Jews. But they shouted, “Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!” “Shall I crucify your king?” Pilate asked. “We have no king but Caesar,” the chief priests answered. Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

Matthew 20:28, the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

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1 Samuel 8:19-20, “No!” they said. “We want a king over us. Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles.

- ✱ Wanting a king was the outward reason. Wanting to serve Baal was the inward reason.
- ✱ Sin will rarely, if ever, come out and tell you the real reason for it’s treason.

**“If you want to do what’s right in your own eyes,
You first have to get rid of God, who’s watching you with his.”**
D. Mike Collins

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1 Timothy 3:4-5, He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a **manner worthy of full respect**.

The Resolution No One Expected

Step 1 - Don’t overreact, instead breathe. Listen first. Act second.

1 Samuel 8:7a, And the Lord told him: “Listen to all that the people are saying to you;”

James 1:19-20, Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

Step 2 - Protect your team.

1 Samuel 8:7b, . . . it is not you they have rejected . . .

Step 3 - Get to the truth. Side issues are just a distraction.

1 Samuel 8:7b, . . . but they have rejected me as their king.

Step 4 - Let them know they’ve been heard.

1 Samuel 8:9-18, . . . let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights.

Step 5 - Let them hear their own voice, confirm their own choice.

1 Samuel 8:19, “No!” they said. “We want a king over us . . .”

Step 6 - Agree to what you can. Never agree to what you can’t.

1 Samuel 8:22, The Lord answered, “Listen to them and give them a king.”

Step 7 - Control tempo and temperature.

1 Samuel 8:23, Then Samuel said to the Israelites, “Everyone go back to your own home.”

“God Loves Messy People!”

Psalms 103:10, He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

Isaiah 53:6, We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Revelations 3:20, Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves.
He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you,
but will rejoice over you with singing.

Zephaniah 3:17