

1-2 SAMUEL: THE RULE OF A POLITICIAN

I Got This **1 Samuel 9-11**

1. When you were a child where did you sit at big family meals? Have you ever been the guest of honor at a fancy meal?
2. What does this passage help you understand about God? How does it exalt Jesus?
3. As we will see in upcoming passages Saul was, in many ways, a false leader. He drew the people of God away from following Him. Have you ever committed this same sin? Are you doing so now? What causes us to do this?
4. Read 1 Sam 9.16. What are your thoughts on this response from God in light of the people demanding a king?
5. Read 1 Sam 10.17-19. If God is giving Israel the king they asked for why does He remind them that it is because they have rejected Him?
6. When your identity or security is threatened, where do you run first for comfort? By choosing that person or thing, who or what are you actually trusting in?
7. The people have convinced themselves that they can simultaneously do what they want and have the benefits of what God wants. Where could you be living like this in your life?
8. When has God mercifully used your disobedient choices to bring about good in your life?
9. When has God used "chance" events, good or bad, to bring you to a point where he could bless you?
10. How we respond to problems in the moment reveals a lot about who we are. Think about a difficult situation in your life the past few days. What was your first response? How might God use that for your good and His glory?