

LESSONS IN LEADERSHIP 1 SAM. 7:15-17; 8:1-22

Samuel was unique:

- Prophet, priest, & judge
- National figure
- Faithful judge

None of us are Samuel **but** all of us have leadership roles!

What activities do we find?

I. Stemming the tide / filling the gap!

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Ezekiel 22:30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

Psalms 106:23 Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had not **Moses** his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them.

Psalms 106:30 Then stood up **Phinehas**, and executed judgment: and so the plague was stayed.

II. Dealing with disappointment

1 Samuel 8:1 And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel. **1 Samuel 8:2** Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: they were judges in Beersheba. **1 Samuel 8:3** And his sons walked **not** in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.

1 Samuel 8:4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah, **1 Samuel 8:5** And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: **now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.**

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Leaders always have disappointments:

- **Your plans fail**
- **You children...fail / are not you**
- **Your followers don't follow / grow**
- **Your followers follow the world**

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The issue wasn't kingship but who, when & why

Thoughts:

- **You will be disappointed**
- **You must not become disappointed in people / the Lord**
- **You must take your disappointment to the Lord → repeatedly!!!**

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1 Samuel 8:21 And Samuel **heard** all the words of the people, **and he rehearsed** them in the ears of the LORD.

- **You must actually leave your disappointment with the Lord**

1 Samuel 8:7 And the LORD said unto Samuel, **Hearken** unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.

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1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Psalm 55:22 Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

➤ **You must understand what's really happening**

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III. Speaking the truth

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1 Samuel 8:10 And Samuel told all the words of the LORD unto the people that asked of him a king. **1 Samuel 8:11** And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and some shall run before his chariots. **1 Samuel 8:12** And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and will set them to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots. **1 Samuel 8:13** And he will take your daughters to be confectionaries, and to be cooks, and to be bakers. **1 Samuel**

8:14 And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, even the best of them, and give them to his servants. **1 Samuel 8:15** And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants. **1 Samuel**

8:16 And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put them to his work. **1 Samuel 8:17** He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants. **1 Samuel 8:18** And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the LORD will not hear you in that day.

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2 Timothy 4:2 **Preach the word;** be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. **2 Timothy 4:3** For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; **2 Timothy 4:4** And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

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IV. Accepting your role &/ limitations

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2 Corinthians 12:14 Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: **for I seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children. 2 Corinthians 12:15 And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.**