

Message Notes

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The Search for Significance #3 I Samuel: Chapters 8—12

Introduction:

“Now it came to pass when Samuel was old that...his sons did not walk in his ways; they turned aside after dishonest gain, took bribes, and perverted justice. Then the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, ‘Look, your are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make for us a king to judge us like all the nations.”
1 Samuel 8:1, 3-5 (NKJV)

“...to go out before us and fight our battles.” 1 Samuel 8:20 (NKJV)

“But Samuel considered it wrong for them to request a king to judge them. So Samuel prayed to the LORD. The LORD told Samuel, ‘Listen to everything the people are saying to you. They haven’t rejected you; they’ve rejected me. They’re doing just what they’ve done since I took them out of Egypt – leaving me and serving other gods...”
1 Samuel 8:6-9 (GWT)

“But the people refused to listen to Samuel. They said, ‘No, we want a king! Then we too, will be like all the other nations.”
1 Samuel 8:19 (GWT)

When Israel came into the Promised Land God told them to:

“Make no treaties with the Canaanite people...” Deuteronomy 7:2
“Never marry any of them.” Deuteronomy 7:3
“Never let your children marry them” Deuteronomy 7:3
“Tear down their altars, smash their sacred stones...burn their idols”
Deuteronomy 7:5

Think About It: As a Christian, you are not here to _____.

THREE SIMPLE TRUTHS:

LIVING FOR:

Success - Is when I add value to _____.

Significance - Is when I add value to _____.

God Didn’t Want Israel To Just “Fit In” Because:

“These people will turn you away from me to worship other gods.”

Deuteronomy 7:4

“You...belong to the Lord your God. He chose you to be his own special possession out of all the nations on earth.” Deuteronomy 7:6 (GWT)

“Now here is the king you have chosen, the one you asked for...Now then, stand still and watch this great thing the LORD is going to do right before your eyes. Isn’t the wheat being harvested today? I will call on the LORD, and he’ll send thunder and rain. Then you will realize what a wicked thing you did in the LORD’S presence when you asked for a king.”

1 Samuel 12:13, 16-17 (GWT)

50 people in their 90’s were asked: “If you could live your life over again, what would you do differently?” 3 answers constantly recurred:

I would _____ *More.*

I would _____ *More.*

I would do more things that would live on after I die.

“...the Lord sent thunder and rain that day; and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel. And all the people said to Samuel, Pray for your servants to the LORD your God, that we may not die; for we have added to all our sins the evil of asking a king for ourselves.” Then Samuel said to the people, “Do not fear. You have done all this wickedness; yet do not turn aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart.”
1 Samuel 12:18-20 (NKJV)

“For the LORD will not forsake His people, for His great name’s sake.”
1 Samuel 12:22 (NKJV)

Closing:

