

The Kingmaker

The Transition

1 Samuel 8

In life it is easy to choose what we think is best over trusting God.

Sometimes Somethings Don't Make Sense

Sometimes it is hard to understand God

1 And it came about when Samuel was old that he appointed his sons judges over Israel. 2 Now the name of his firstborn was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah: *they* were judging in Beersheba.

3 His sons, however, did not walk in his ways, but turned aside after dishonest gain and took bribes and perverted justice.

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. 5 and they said to him, "Behold, you have grown old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint a king for us to judge us like all the nations."

6 But the thing was displeasing in the sight of Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us."

And Samuel prayed to the Lord. 7 The Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in regard to all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from being king over them.

8 Like all the deeds which they have done since the day that I brought them up from Egypt even to this day—in that they have forsaken Me and served other gods—so they are doing to you also. 9 Now then, listen to their voice; however, you shall solemnly warn them and tell them of the procedure of the king who will reign over them."

18 Then you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the Lord will not answer you in that day."

19 Nevertheless, the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel, and

they said,

“No, but there shall be a king over us, 20 that we also may be like all the nations, that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

You can want the right thing, but for the wrong reason

22 The Lord said to Samuel, “Listen to their voice and appoint them a king.”

Israel chose a path of convenience over faith.

Trying To Make Sense Of It All

Israel believed if they could be like the culture around them life would be better

Israel didn't trust God

Make a distinction between what culture wants and what God wants

Make a distinction between what you want and what God wants

Following Jesus will eventually get you where God wants you