

**Series:** Chasing After Empty Things, a study in 1 Samuel

**Sermon:** The Rise of King Saul, "Though you are little in your own eyes..."

**Primary Text:** 1 Samuel 9-11, Deuteronomy 8:2

**Discussion guide:**

- Who is someone in your life that loves you - and how do you know they love you?
- Do you believe God loves you? why or why not?
- Read Deuteronomy 8:2 - how does remembering how God delivered them help them be humble and obedient?
- Read 1 Samuel 9 - 10
  - What jumps out at you about God's call on Saul to the kingship?
  - How would remembering this have helped Saul later when he was tempted to go his own way?
  - Tell of the story of your conversion to Christ - how could remembering this help you with struggles you might be having today?
  - Tell the story of a time you felt called to a specific task or ministry - how could remembering this help. You with struggles in that ministry or task?
- Read 1 Samuel 9:21; 10:16; 15:17 - what do these verses tell you about Saul?
  - How do we know that God believed in Saul?
  - How would remembering this have prevented Saul from abandoning God?
  - How do you know that God believes in you?
    - How can remembering this help you depend on God more?
- Read 1 Samuel 11 -
  - Read 10:27 - why did Saul have peace?
  - Why is Saul angry in v. 6?
  - What is surprising about Saul's response in v. 12-13?
  - Who does Saul give credit to for the victory?
    - How could remember this have helped Saul remain faithful later in life?
  - Describe a time the Lord did big things through you.
    - Why is it important for you remember that it is His victory?