

I. Divinely Appointed Conversations (15-21)

A. What God said to Samuel (15-17) - “Now the day before Saul came, the Lord had revealed to Samuel: 16 Tomorrow about this time I will send to you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be prince over my people Israel. He shall save my people from the hand of the Philistines. For I have seen my people, because their cry has come to me. 17 When Samuel saw Saul, the Lord told him, “Here is the man of whom I spoke to you! He it is who shall restrain my people.” Samuel had a word from God about Saul before Saul had heard a thing from God

B. What Samuel said to Saul (18-20) - “Then Saul approached Samuel in the gate and said, “Tell me where is the seer?” 19 Samuel answered Saul, “I am the seer. Go up before me to the high place, for today you shall eat with me, and in the morning I will let you go and will tell you all that is on your mind. 20 As for your donkeys that were lost three days ago, do not set your mind on them, for they have been found. And for whom is all that is desirable in Israel? Is it not for you and for all your father’s house?” **Bold, prophetic, edifying words**

C. What Saul said to Samuel (21) - “Saul answered, Am I not a Benjaminite, from the least of the tribes of Israel? And is not my clan the humblest of all the clans of the tribe of Benjamin? Why then have you spoken to me in this way?” **Humble, surprised and sobered response**

Seek to discern what God is doing in random encounters, stretching seasons and conversations with godly people. Chase the big picture.

II. Deeply Committed Honor (22-27)

A. Honor those whom God honors (22-24a) - Then Samuel took Saul and his young man and brought them into the hall and gave them a place at the head of those who had been invited, who were about thirty persons. 23 And Samuel said to the cook, “Bring the portion I gave you, of which I said to you, ‘Put it aside.’” 24 So the cook took up the leg and what was on it and set them before Saul. And Samuel said, “See, what was kept is set before you. Eat, because it was kept for you until the hour appointed, that you might eat with the guests.”

B. Spend time with those whom God is raising up (24b-26) - “So Saul ate with Samuel that day. 25 And when they came down from the high place into the city, a bed was spread for Saul on the roof, and he lay down to sleep. 26 Then at the break of dawn Samuel called to Saul on the roof, “Up, that I may send you on your way.” So Saul arose, and both he and Samuel went out into the street.”

C. Speak vision to those whom God raises up (27) - “As they were going down to the outskirts of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Tell the servant to pass on before us, and when he has passed on, stop here yourself for a while, that I may make known to you the word of God.”

III. Dramatically Displayed Results (10:1-11)

A. Intentionally created moments (1a) - “Then Samuel took a flask of oil {seeing it} and poured it on his head and kissed him {feeling it} and said {hearing it}...”

B. Destiny-infused words (1b) - “Has not the Lord anointed you to be prince over his people Israel? And you shall reign over the people of the Lord and you will save them from the hand of their surrounding enemies. And this shall be the sign to you that the Lord has anointed you to be prince over his heritage.”

C. Purposefully shared gifting (2-8) - No less than 12 specific words of knowledge, 1 commitment and 1 assignment came from Samuel to Saul

D. Radically manifested fruit (9-10) - “When he turned his back to leave Samuel, God gave him another heart. And all these signs came to pass that day. 10 When they came to Gibeah, behold, a group of prophets met him, and the Spirit of God rushed upon him, and he prophesied among them.”