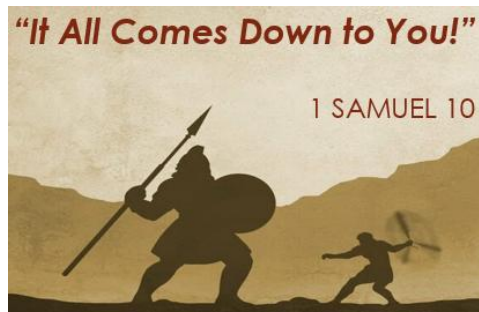


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You can help someone, but,

- ▶ It all comes down to them.
- ▶ It's all up to them.
- ▶ In your life who's going to do you?
 - ▶ Who's going to *live* your life? Who's going to make things happen?
 - ▶ *Who* will help me?



Who will help? Well, as a Christian...

Isaiah 41:10

Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will also **help** you, I will also uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

Romans 8:26

Likewise the Spirit also **helpeth** our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit Itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Hebrews 13:6

So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my **helper**, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Here in 1 Samuel 10,

- ▶ This is what we have happening here with Saul in *chapter 10* !
- ▶ Even though he is foolish...(*chapter 9*).
- ▶ Saul was given every opportunity
- ▶ Given the help, *FROM GOD!*
- ▶ Given all that he needed
- ▶ To be a *successful* leader, to be a *successful* King!!

God gives you *what you need to live your life!*


*I want to show you some examples here of what God did to give this man **what he needed**...*

And, unfortunately, we're left with more questions about his character!!

Look at what God did for Saul in this text:

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I. Saul was anointed

- A. God's choice (*v.1*)
- B. Validating signs (*vs.2-10*)
 1. 1st one (*v.2*) donkeys are found
 2. 2nd one (*vs.3-4*) give you bread
 3. 3rd one (*vs. 5-6*) H.S., you will prophesy
- C. Samuel's speech (*vs.1-8*) revealed 3 things:
 1. Saul was God's choice!
 2. Laid out the signs  we talked about
 3. Laid out the proper relationship to Saul between King & prophet (*v.25*).

II. Saul was enabled (*v.9*)

- A. Gave him all that he needed (*v.10*) "another heart" (*v.9*)
- B. The people who knew him (family *v.11*)
- C. Saul's uncle's questions (*vs.14-16*)

III. Saul was chosen (*vs.17ff*)

- A. The process (people gathered *v.17*)
- B. Samuel's proclamation of their rejection (*v.19*)
- C. By tribes and families (*vs.19-20*)
- D. Evidence of God's choice **and** divine judgment. (*Hosea 13:11*)

Now Saul is chosen!

- So, where is he? (*v.21d*)
- Here was this long process...and he's disappeared among the "baggage"
- Notice the narrator's & Samuel's description... what do you see *vs.23-24*?
 - At the end of the day, Samuel is still in charge *v.25*
 - We see the beginnings of standing military force *v.26*
 - Good reflection on Saul here, his 1st act was grace! *v.27*

CONCLUSION:

- Could Saul be an example of how people are described today?
- Shouldn't people be known by character, *not* the physical.
- Saul had the opportunities, he had the gifts, he had the LORD!!
- It all came down to him!
- Where is he? *He's hiding among the baggage.*
- You are serving the same **giving** God!