

**These Three Kings:
On the Life of King Saul**

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“Fear of Calling”
1 Samuel 9-10

Introduction:

History is changing and the Israelites are calling for a king. God, through Samuel, calls Saul to lead his people as their first king even though he was an unlikely choice. How would Saul respond, what would happen to the nation, and what does it mean for us?

Interpretation of the Story:

Applying the Story:

To overcome fear and live out our calling, we must embrace:

God’s _____ of us

God’s _____ for us

God’s _____ in us

Going Deeper

1. Why was the asking for a king by the Israelites a rejection of God? What does this tell us about the people at this time? What does it say about God that he granted their wish?
2. What stands out to you about the story of Saul becoming king? What sorts of feelings would you have had if you were in Saul's place?
3. At the moment of his coronation, Saul is hiding among the baggage. What drove him to hide? What does this say about how he is likely to lead going forward?
4. How is Joshua opposite in attitude from Saul? What affect did Joshua's attitude have on his own leadership?
5. Is it hard for you to embrace how God views you? Make a list of the ways that followers of Jesus are described in Scripture. How can these affect our self image?
6. What is the mission that we have all been called to? Does that mission seem overwhelming to you?
7. Why is the concept of God's power so important to this discussion? How do we access God's power? When have you seen God work powerfully in and through you?
8. How do you expect Saul's kingship to go, after knowing how it starts?

Scripture Memory: Joshua 1:9
Matthew 28:19
Acts 1:8

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