

Here I Am

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Thread: What God calls you to, He will prepare you for.

“But the servant replied, ‘Look, in this town there is a man of God; he is highly respected, and everything he says comes true. Let’s go there now. Perhaps he will tell us what way to take.’... They went up to the town, and as they were entering it, there was Samuel, coming toward them on his way up to the high place.” I Samuel 9:6, 14 NIV

Before this moment took place God had already prepared Samuel to lead well.

He lays out a timeline to give to Saul.

- *“Samuel said to the cook, ‘Bring the piece of meat I gave you, the one I told you to lay aside.’... Samuel said, ‘Here is what has been kept for you. Eat, because it was set aside for you for this occasion...’” I Samuel 9:23 NIV*
- *“Then Samuel took a flask of olive oil and poured it on Saul’s head and kissed him, saying, ‘Has not the Lord anointed you ruler over his inheritance?...’” I Samuel 10:1 NIV*
- *“...Three men going up to worship God at Bethel will meet you there. One will be carrying three young goats, another three loaves of bread, and another a skin of wine. They will greet you and offer you two loaves of bread, which you will accept from them.” I Samuel 10:3 – 4 NIV*
- *“After that you will go to Gibeah of God, where there is a Philistine outpost...you will meet a procession of prophets coming down from the high place ... and they will be prophesying.” I Samuel 10:5 NIV*
- *“The Spirit of the Lord will come powerfully upon you, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person.” I Samuel 10:6 NIV*

Saul is made king.

“As Saul turned to leave Samuel, God changed Saul’s heart, and all these signs were fulfilled that day.” I Samuel 10: 9 NIV

Saul did not have the capacity to hold all this.

God was demonstrating meaningful lessons to Saul.

You can TRUST me Saul. Walk with me and this is what you can expect. I will sovereignly choose.

- Saul’s position at the table.
- Saul’s provision.
- Saul’s part in God’s story.

That’s great for Saul but what about me?

- He is your provider.
- You do not have the capacity to hold all this either.

He provides for you.

- Your position
- Your provision - *“Give us this day our daily bread” Matthew 6:11 ESV*
- Your part - *“Father in Heaven your will be done...”*

“Receive the Holy Spirit.” John 20:22 ESV

“Who can know the Lord’s thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him? But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.” I Corinthians 2:16 NLT

We end where we began.

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Challenge:

-“I am your provider.” How much faith do you put in that statement?
-Your capacity needs to grow for you to succeed in your callings, will you trust God for it?
-What is God calling you to? Can you recognize how He is preparing you?