

HOMework

Here I Am

Spring 2025 | Week 1

Message Date 4/6/2025

MY STORY

- 1) What is a common saying that just gets on your last nerve?
- 2) What is your best survival skill in a dangerous situation?

QUICK REVIEW

- 3) What caught your attention from Sunday's message?

DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME

1 Samuel 10:1–9 (CSB)

¹Samuel took the flask of oil, poured it out on Saul's head, kissed him, and said, "Hasn't the Lord anointed you ruler over his inheritance?"

²Today when you leave me, you'll find two men at Rachel's Grave at Zelzah in the territory of Benjamin. They will say to you, 'The donkeys you went looking for have been found, and now your father has stopped being concerned about the donkeys and is worried about you, asking: What should I do about my son?'

³"You will proceed from there until you come to the oak of Tabor. Three men going up to God at Bethel will meet you there, one bringing three goats, one bringing three loaves of bread, and one bringing a clay jar of wine.

⁴They will ask how you are and give you two loaves of bread, which you will accept from them.

⁵"After that you will come to Gibeah of God where there are Philistine garrisons. When you arrive at the city, you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place prophesying. They will be preceded by harps, tambourines, flutes, and lyres.

⁶The Spirit of the Lord will come powerfully on you, you will prophesy with them, and you will be transformed.

⁷When these signs have happened to you, do whatever your circumstances require because God is with you.

⁸Afterward, go ahead of me to Gilgal. I will come to you to offer burnt offerings and to sacrifice fellowship offerings. Wait seven days until I come to you and show you what to do."

⁹When Saul turned to leave Samuel, God changed his heart, and all the signs came about that day.

- 4) After Samuel anointed Saul as king, what signs did he say would accompany his anointing, and why do you think he gave Saul a sign?
- 5) Nowadays, we don't have prophets to give us signs. What are some of the ways we can discern the will of God for our own lives and our own calling?

1 Samuel 11:1–5 (CSB)

¹*Nahash the Ammonite came up and laid siege to Jabesh-Gilead. All the men of Jabesh said to him, "Make a treaty with us, and we will serve you."*

²*Nahash the Ammonite replied, "I'll make one with you on this condition: that I gouge out everyone's right eye and humiliate all Israel."*

³*"Don't do anything to us for seven days," the elders of Jabesh said to him, "and let us send messengers throughout the territory of Israel. If no one saves us, we will surrender to you."*

⁴*When the messengers came to Gibeah, Saul's hometown, and told the terms to the people, all wept aloud.*

⁵*Just then Saul was coming in from the field behind his oxen. "What's the matter with the people? Why are they weeping?" Saul inquired, and they repeated to him the words of the men from Jabesh.*

- 6) Some time has passed between Chapter 10 and the opening of Chapter 11. We don't know how long but, there's something significant in the passage of time. First, Saul was anointed King. What was he found doing when the news of the Ammonite's raid happened? Why is this significant? Could he have done something different?
- 7) The same can be true for us. Many of us are simply playing to the status quo and trying to maintain things and play defense in our lives. We aren't seeking to be stretched to grow to move forward. If you are, great job, but let's be real for a moment, all of us can take ground and move forward. We all have areas to grow in. What is one of the biggest areas that you want to stretch or feel God moving you into?
- 8) This next series of questions is about challenging our thinking, helping us step outside of ourselves and to lean into what God wants for us. You don't have to answer them all in your group, but I would encourage you to pick one and chat about it.
 - What do you want God to do through you?
 - What relationship do you want with God?
 - How closely do you want to walk with Jesus?
 - How reliant do you want to be on the Holy Spirit?
 - How much room will you give the Spirit of the living God in your life?

CHAIR TIME TOOLS

Reflection questions for Chair Time. Think about the following questions and pray through them with Jesus.

Read first Samuel Chapters 10 and 11.

- 1) What lessons do you see about God's character and love from these passages?
- 2) What could Saul have done differently to have a different outcome?
- 3) What lessons can we learn from Saul's decisions? And how can you continue to take ground instead of playing defense?