



“What I Want or What I Need?”  
1 Samuel 8:4-9

What was the biggest “want you ever had in life? How did that work out for you?

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1 Samuel 8 is a transition point in Israel’s story. From judges, to kings. Read 1 Samuel 8:1-21. Jot down what stands out to you as the highlights in this transition?

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What did Israel want? What did they need?

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What does Israel’s request tell you about their trust in God’s wisdom? What do our request demonstrate about our trust as well?

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How can my requests be seen as potential sin?

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Read 1 Samuel 9:1,2; 10:1-10. God gives Israel what they \_\_\_\_\_.

Describe Saul in your own words.

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Why did Samuel give Saul such explicit signs?

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What signs do we ask of God to confirm his will for us?

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Read Isaiah 53. How would people receive Jesus today if this was the description they had of him?

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What do we look for in leaders?

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Saul was a \_\_\_\_\_ king. Read 1 Samuel 10:17-24.

How does this interaction with Saul foreshadow what type of king he might be?

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Israel as a nation appointed him king in the face of God’s warnings. When have we ignored God’s warnings? What happened?

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How can I use this account in scripture to change how I view, make requests to God? How can I better discern if my requests are wants or needs?

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What steps will I take to foster a deeper relationship with Jesus?

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