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SERIES: I Samuel, Part 1 (The Heart of a Leader)

FRIDAY

OPEN

What are you doing hiding in that baggage, hiding behind all that stuff? What are you doing hiding in your own little secure place? Don't you know beloved that God wants to use you? You say moi, me, God wants to use me? Oh no, you don't know who I am. No, I don't know who you are, but I know who God is and I know God wants to use you. We'll talk about it today as we look at God's precepts for life.

PART ONE

Well beloved, do you remember in our last program as we studied 1 Samuel, chapter 10 that we left Saul hiding in the baggage? Remember Israel has asked for a king. They want to be like other nations. It has disappointed Samuel. It has grieved Samuel and God has come to Samuel and said now listen, don't let it grieve you. It's not you they've rejected; it's Me that they have rejected from being their king. In other words, they don't want a theocracy where God rules; they want a monarchy where they have a king

ruling over them because they want to be like other nations. Well Samuel has found his man. God has pointed out that Saul is to be the first king of Israel. And I want to go back and I just want to pick up at verse 17 to put us into context. And if you have your map in front of you, I want you to look at the map also. Now if you're driving the car don't you dare look at a thing but the road, okay, because I don't want a thing to happen to you. And you can do this when you get home or you can get the program. You can go on the Internet and find out all about us by going to preceptsforlife.com. That's preceptsforlife.com, and there you can find out everything, even how to download the study guide so that you can grow and so you can have these maps in front of you. Verse 17: "Thereafter Samuel called the people together to the Lord at Mizpah...;"(1Samuel 10:17) Now if you look at your map, if you go up north from the Dead Sea and then go west, Mizpah is a little bit due north almost of Jerusalem. And this is where we are, okay. And so Samuel has called the people together. "...he said to the sons of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, "I brought Israel up from Egypt,...I delivered you from the hand[s] of the Egyptians and from the power of all the kingdoms that were oppressing you".'"(10:18) In other words you and I can see from this passage beloved, that God is in charge, that God's in charge of the nations and that God is able to protect a particular nation from the influence of other nations if He so desires. And then he says, "But you...today rejected your God, who delivers you from all your calamities and your distresses; yet you have said, 'No, but set a king over us...!'"(10:19a) In other words, here I am, I have protected you, I have taken care of you; and yet what have you done? You have rejected Me. You've rejected the one that delivers you from all your calamities and distresses. And beloved, when you think of Israel you think, O, how stupid of them to do that. And yet, don't we do that? Don't we all of a sudden find ourselves in a problem, in a difficulty and instead of running to God who is in charge of the calamities, who is sovereign and who filters the distresses through His fingers of love and allows them to come into our lives instead of running to Him and saying You're God, You're in charge, You've allowed this. Tell me

what to do. Tell me how to walk through it. Lord, I'm not sure I can bare it. And then He'll say okay, it's too much and I won't give it to you. Or He'll say I no, you can bare it and this is the way that I will take you through it. But so many times what we do is we look at Israel; I don't want us to look down our nose at them until we look at ourselves, until we pick up the mirror of God's Word and look at it and say hey, we do the same thing. We turn to the arm of flesh instead of to God. So God is saying, "...Now therefore, present yourselves before the Lord by your tribes and by your clans.'"(10:19b) And what he's doing is he's having; how many tribes are there? You've got it; there are 12 tribes. And then the clans are the families within the tribes. And so he says okay, I want you to present yourselves before the Lord by your tribes and by your clans. "Thus Samuel brought all the tribes of Israel near, and the tribe of Benjamin was taken by lot."(10:20) Now what is happening? Well, when they would present themselves before the Lord the priest could stand there with the breast piece on, and that had on it twelve stones, and those twelve stones represented the twelve tribes of Israel. And then they had what they called the Urim and Thummim. We don't know a whole lot about it except what the Jewish writers tell us. But the Urim and the Thummim were like lights and in a sense it was like God would light up the stone. So it's like God lights up the stone of Benjamin. Or they say that there was a little pouch that they had in the breast piece and they would pull this out, this lot out and it would say the tribe. We don't know anymore than that and if I find out anymore I'll let you know. But I just want you to know that when they presented themselves before the Lord, when they were trying to make a decision it involved the ephod, which held the breast piece. It involved them standing before there and as the tribes would come back then God lit up Benjamin. Now He lit up Benjamin because remember Saul is from the tribe of Benjamin. It says, "Then he brought the tribe of Benjamin near by its families..." This is the clans. "...and the Matrite family was taken. And Saul the son of Kish was taken; but when they looked for him, he could not be found."(1Samuel 10:21) It's Kish, it's his son Saul. Where is Saul? I know where Kish is. Where is Saul?

And "...they [further] inquired...of the Lord, [and they said] 'Has the man come here yet?' So the Lord said, 'Behold, he[']s] hiding himself by the baggage.'"(10:22) They didn't know where he was, but God knew where he was. You know, God knows where you are beloved. He knows where you're hiding. As a matter of fact, you know what? He knows what baggage you're carrying around. He knows the baggage that you're hiding behind. And so many times what happens is this, in our lives we have this baggage from our past, this baggage from our childhood, this baggage of feeling of a lousy self-esteem or thinking, I am too ignorant, I am too dumb, God can never use me; I'm not attractive, I'm not this, I'm not that. Hey, that's baggage, and you start hiding behind that baggage and you think that the baggage is shielding you so you can't be found. God knows right where you are. And you know what God is saying to you, hey, listen, all that baggage; I don't want it in your life. And I don't intend for you to carry it. I intend for you to take that baggage and roll it over on My shoulders. Roll it over on My shoulders. In 1 Peter, chapter 5, he says in verse 6: ["Humble yourselves, therefore."] (1Peter 5:6a) You say I am being humbled, that's why I'm hiding behind the baggage. No you're not; you're excusing yourself. To humble yourself means just to bring yourself low under the mighty hand of God and say here I am, You can do with me whatever You please. "...that He [God] may exalt you at proper time."(5:6b) I'm back, just in case you didn't recognize it in 1 Peter 5:6. Now verse 7: "...casting all your anxiety upon Him..."(5:7a) Now casting all your anxiety, it was a term that was used for a soldier to take his baggage and roll it over on the shoulders of another person. And what God is saying is, hey, I'm God. "...casting all your anxiety [up]on Him, [upon God] because He cares for you."(5:7) I'm God. I made you. I created you. I allowed you to go through these experiences. This is not to be baggage that is to keep you from serving Me. Roll that over on My shoulders. I can carry it. In Isaiah, chapter 9, verse 6, when it talks about the prophecy of Jesus Christ, ["unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given..."] (Isaiah 9:6a) and it talks about His name being Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, etc. And then it goes on to say this:

“...And the government shall [be] [up]on His shoulders...;”(9:6b) In other words, it's God that's to be in charge. It's God who has a task for you and me to do. So get out from in under the baggage. Roll that baggage over on His shoulders because He cares for you, and know that God has something for you to do. And so it says, God says okay, he is hiding himself by the baggage. “So they ran and took him from there, and when he stood among the people...,” You can just watch their eyes going up. “...he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward.”(1Samuel 10:23) I mean you think why is a man like that hiding behind that baggage? I mean, my goodness, look at that specimen of a man. Well we're going to find out as we go on that God doesn't look at the external; He looks at the eternal. And that's where we're to look too. But we see, man looks on the outward. And as we look at him, he looks like he's head and shoulders and, and just absolutely great and wonderful for the task, is going to be an awesome king, handsome king. You'll spot him in any crowd because he's taller than anyone from the shoulders on up. But the thing is that when you look at Saul, you realize from what we've studied, you know, who is he that God should choose him? I mean he's the least of the families. He's a Benjamite, you know. Listen beloved, I told you this before, but I feel like God wants me to repeat it. What God wants you to know is, it doesn't matter who you are or where you came from, it only matters, is God in you? Because if God is in you, you are [“...His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, that God has before ordained for you to walk in.”](Ephesians 2:10 KJV) God had a plan for Saul's life; God has a plan for your life. So get out of that baggage, get rid of that baggage. Quit hiding and say God, here I am, I'm Your man, I'm Your woman, I'm Your teen, I'm Your child, and I want You to use me. I want to live under Your control. You be my king; I'll be the servant. I'll go where you want me to go. Well, I have more to say on the subject and we'll see you in just a minute.

PART TWO

Welcome back my friend. You know what I wish I could do? I wish I could put my arms around you and just tell you that I love you and I am so very, very grateful for you. And I thank you. I thank you for your prayers for this program. I thank you for the support of this program. And I want you to know that those of you that have felt led of the Lord to support us are helping us reach literally hundreds of thousands, because you're a partner with us and we're feeding them the Word of God. I mean we've got our biblical soup kitchen, haven't we, and we're feeding those that are hungry and thirsting for righteousness. Well, let's go back to Saul. Verse 24 of 1 Samuel 10: "[And] Samuel said to all the people, 'Do you see him whom the Lord has chosen? Surely there is no one like him among all the people.' So all the people shouted and said, 'Long live the king!'" (1 Samuel 10:24) Long live the king. I mean if you've watched any historic movies; I love historical movies. And I love history and I love watching when people come to power and how they shout long live the king, and then you watch and all the intrigue and you think O my goodness, I'd never be a king. But anyway, when it says long live the king, the Hebrew word for king is melek, m-e-l-e-k. And if you have the study guide you already know it. All right, verse 25: "Then Samuel told the people the ordinances of the kingdom, and [he] wrote them in a book and placed it before the Lord. And Samuel sent all the people away, each...to his house." (10:25) All right now, what has happened is they have asked for a king; he has shown them that this is the king, and he has shown them that God has chosen the king. And God chose the king because they passed by lot, and by lot Benjamin was taken, by lot the Matrite family was taken, by lot Saul the son of Kish was taken. He's laid out the ordinances for the kingdom. He's placed him in a book, and Samuel now sends the people away each one to his house. "[And] Saul also went to his house at Gibeah..." (10:26a) All right now, we've got to find out where Gibeah is, because I want you to know this Promised Land in case you ever go to Israel with us and you'll say, O, O, yeah I remember that; that's where Saul's house was. So Saul's house is south and a little bit east of Mizpah. So

he's going to go southeast. Now if you continued south you'd go through Jerusalem and then you would go through Bethlehem. All right so this is where he is. He's on the west side of the Jordan River. He is not far from Jerusalem. All right now, verse 26: "[And] Saul also went to his house at Gibeah; and the valiant men whose hearts God had touched went with him."(10:26) Now remember, I asked you if you were hiding behind the baggage and I told you that God has a purpose for your life; God has a purpose for every child of God. He has a plan for your life. Ephesians 2:10 says that ["...you are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus...;"] now listen carefully, ["...unto good works, which God has before ordained for them to walk in."](Ephesians 2:10 KJV) So God has a plan for your life. But what is neat is God also has others that He is going to put around you to support you. You know, we have Bible studies on Tuesdays at Precept Ministries, and if you're ever in Chattanooga, Tennessee, you can come. You can join us. You can go to a discussion class. But you know, as these friends got ready to leave, they had come up from Atlanta, and as they got ready to leave they said, "We see that you have such an awesome team around you." We do, we do. I mean we are a group of people that love one another, that respect one another, and that are working together. Well, where did these people come from? Well, God touched their hearts and brought them to us. And that's what God is doing with Saul. God is touching the hearts of valiant men who are going to go with Saul. God doesn't leave you alone. God doesn't isolate you. Why? Because you have only one or two or maybe three spiritual gifts and it takes a body to do the work. I'm laughing because we were in Russia and I was traveling with some of the donors from our Ministry and that, and we were doing ministry over there with these people from 22 different countries. And one of them looked at the other and it says it takes a village to take care of her. And they were just laughing because they're trying to keep up with my Bible and stuff. But anyway, God puts us together, and God is going to put around you people that are strong where you are weak, so that He operates in such a way that together you're going to get the job done. Now watch the contrast now here. In verse 27 it

says, “But certain worthless men said, ‘How can this one deliver us?’ And they despised him and [they] did not bring him any present.”(1Samuel 10:27a) I guess from this that it was common if you’re going to be a king that people would come and they would say O king, we’re so happy you’re going to be king and here we want to give you a present. It was a token of respect. It was a token of affirmation. But there were in the crowd that day, worthless men, specific worthless men. Literally, what it says they were sons of Belial. In other words, they were on the devil’s team. They were against and opposed to this man that God had chosen. It may have been jealousy. It may have been just I hate righteousness. I don’t really love God. I’m a son of Belial. But anyway they’re saying how can this one deliver us? Now watch. Saul knew that they despised him. Saul could tell by their behavior. Now watch the wisdom of this man, “...But he kept silent.”(10:27b) He was not going to pick a fight. He was a smart man. He was going to wait. And what you and I are going to see in the next program is how God comes along and vindicates Saul. And you can know this beloved; you don’t always have to fight back. What does Jesus tell us in the Sermon on the Mount? That we’re to turn the other cheek, that we’re to go the extra mile, that we are to be like our Father in heaven who causes His rain to fall on the just and on the unjust. In other words, look, be perfect like your Father in heaven is perfect. You can overlook those things and know this that God will come to your defense. Now get out from behind that baggage; let that baggage go. Quit hiding from God and say to God today, God here I am. I’m Yours. I want You to use me. And I know I don’t have to be everything. I know that You’ll put others around me. I know that You have a specific reason for me, a specific purpose for my life and I don’t want to miss it. I’m here God. I’m Yours. You know what? I can’t wait to hear what God does in the days to come through you, Beloved, when you get from behind that baggage.