

The Kingdom

The Making of a King

Searching For What Was Lost

1 Samuel 9:1-3 NLT

1 There was a wealthy, influential man named Kish from the tribe of Benjamin. He was the son of Abiel, son of Zeror, son of Becorath, son of Aphiah, of the tribe of Benjamin.
 2 His son Saul was the most handsome man in Israel—head and shoulders taller than anyone else in the land. 3 One day Kish's donkeys strayed away, and he told Saul, "Take a servant with you, and go look for the donkeys."

The Mountains of Ephraim

1 Samuel 9:4a NKJV

So he passed through the mountains of Ephraim...

✓ **Try to go it alone.**

1 Samuel 9:4 NLT

So Saul took one of the servants and traveled through the hill country of Ephraim

✓ **Quick to give up looking.**

1 Samuel 9:4 NKJV

4 So he passed through the mountains of Ephraim and through the land of Shalisha, but they did not find them. Then they passed through the land of Shaalim, and they were not there. Then he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they did not find them.

✓ **Make worry more important than the mission.**

Samuel 9:5 NLT

Finally, they entered the region of Zuph, and Saul said to his servant, "Let's go home. By now my father will be more worried about us than about the donkeys!"

✓ **Don't seek Godly counsel.**

1 Samuel 9:6 NLT

But the servant said, "I've just thought of something! There is a man of God who lives here in this town. He is held in high honor by all the people because everything he says comes true. Let's go find him. Perhaps he can tell us which way to go."

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How To Become A King

1. Admit who you are in the flesh.

1 Samuel 9:21 NLT

Saul replied, "But I'm only from the tribe of Benjamin, the smallest tribe in Israel, and my family is the least important of all the families of that tribe!
Why are you talking like this to me?"

2. Accept who God says you are - leave the baggage behind.

1 Samuel 10:22-24 NLT

22 So they asked the Lord, "Where is he?"

And the Lord replied, "He is hiding among the baggage." 23 So they found him and brought him out, and he stood head and shoulders above anyone else.
 24 Then Samuel said to all the people, "This is the man the Lord has chosen as your king. No one in all Israel is like him!" And all the people shouted, "Long live the king!"

3. Allow God to change you so others can see His Kingdom.

1 Samuel 10:9-13 NLT

9 As Saul turned and started to leave, God gave him a new heart, and all Samuel's signs were fulfilled that day. 10 When Saul and his servant arrived at Gibeah, they saw a group of prophets coming toward them. Then the Spirit of God came powerfully upon Saul, and he, too, began to prophesy. 11 When those who knew Saul heard about it, they exclaimed, "What? Is even Saul a prophet? How did the son of Kish become a prophet?"
 12 And one of those standing there said, "Can anyone become a prophet, no matter who his father is?" So that is the origin of the saying "Is even Saul a prophet?"
 13 When Saul had finished prophesying, he went up to the place of worship.

4. Act like your royalty - starting in your own house.

1 Samuel 10:25 NKJV

Then Samuel explained to the people the behavior of royalty, and wrote it in a book and laid it up before the Lord. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.

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