

The Problem with “Having It Your Way”

1 Samuel 7-8

Thus far...the LORD has helped us – 1 Samuel 7

Samuel leads as Israel’s judge. God’s help is obvious!

Three perspectives...

1. Remember the past.
2. Repent in the present.
3. Rejoice in the future.

Going forward...we have a better idea – 1 Samuel 8

1. Israel’s demand is made: We want a king.
2. God’s warning is gracious: I don’t think you do!
3. God’s warning is rejected: But we have already decided.

Interestingly, God’s plan included a king for Israel, so what was the problem?

Failing to acknowledge God’s timing or rejecting God’s plan both result in negative consequences.