

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, Proverbs 22.

1 Samuel 11: 14-15 "Then Samuel said to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship." So all the people went to Gilgal and made Saul king in the presence of the Lord. There they sacrificed fellowship offerings before the Lord, and Saul and all the Israelites held a great celebration." (NIV)

Has your life ever changed overnight? Between 1 Samuel 8-11, the Israelites demanded a king. They wanted to be like the other nations surrounding them. They wanted a king who would lead them into battle. They wanted a king to judge them. It didn't matter what it would cost to have a king. That is what they wanted.

In these chapters, God chooses Saul, the son of Kish, a Benjamite to be king over His inheritance. Basically, we might say of Saul that he was "tall, dark, and handsome."

One day, the family's donkeys went missing, and Saul and a servant went over the hills and through the valleys looking for them. But instead of finding the donkeys, they discovered a higher calling for Saul's life. Saul ran smack dab into Samuel, the Lord's leading prophet at the time who would soon anoint him king at the age of 30.

In a matter of days, Saul went from searching for donkeys to leading the nation into battle against the Ammorites. I am guessing Saul never saw this coming.

There are times our lives change for the better. At other times, life takes a terrible turn, and we are faced with the unimaginable. Through the good times and the rough ones, we trust in the sovereignty of God. On the mountain tops or the valleys below, God is still in control. We don't usually see the unexpected coming, but we know nothing happens apart from God's knowledge and His will.

"For the righteous shall live by faith." (Rom. 1:17) Living by faith in the good, as well as the bad, is what God expects of His people. Life can take many twists and turns, but our God is always faithful to walk us through our journeys.