

## “A King to Lead Us”

Intro:

- New Series/Lenten Series: “The Story of God, The Story of Us” - will be looking at key moments throughout Scripture, beginning to end, that show that it’s all ONE Story with a ‘scarlet cord’ of love running throughout it.
  - First Week: Creation (Tree)
  - First Week: The Fall (Ladder)
  - Last Week: Focusing on The First Passover/Exodus (Door with Frame)
  - This Week: Israel in the promised land and they want a King
    - Stick up the piece of timeline - Events Between Passover and cry for a King
      - Moses= Red Sea, Mt.Sinai=Law, 40 years of wandering in the desert
      - Joshua
      - Judges

**Tension:** God lets us do what we want and that doesn’t typically work out so well; people we look to lead us and fight our battles disappoint us

### 1 Samuel 8:1-6

- FIRST thing Samuel does when comes up against trouble: prayed to the Lord
- Prayer as first response, not last resort

### 1 Samuel 8: 7-8

- Rejection Story
- Nobody likes rejection; hurts the heart
  - God rejected by His people with whom He had entered into covenant:
    - God vowed to be their God, and they vowed to be His people, but now it’s like they are choosing to have a human king - like all the other nations - instead of a Divine King
    - Throughout Scripture, the people vow they will serve the Lord and not forsake Him
      - Joshua 24:14-18
    - So Samuel asks the Lord what to do, and God said:

### 1 Samuel 8: 9-11a. . . . .11b-17

- What will be required to a King is what is due to the Lord
- Tithe = Tenth
- First fruits = best is to be given to the Lord
- Now having to choose between what is due the Lord and what is due to the King
  - Like choosing between what is due the government today versus what is due the Lord; the tithe versus taxes, the command to

tithe and give the Lord our first fruits still applies today in case you were wondering

### 1 Samuel 8: 18

- God will allow us to get what we want, and then when we get what we asked for, how does that go for us? [usually stinks]
  - God will let us do what we want until often we hit rock bottom and realize what we want is not always what's best for us...
  - We think our way is best
  - We reap what we sow
    - We do what we want and what feels good, and we reap destruction
  - Getting a king may have some benefits, but in the long run, there's a price to pay/consequences
  - Israelites rejected God, they had consequences
  - When we reject God, there are consequences...

### 1 Samuel 8: 19-20

- "Like other nations"
  - Motivation for asking for a king
    - Look around want to be like others
    - Want to have what they have, it looks easy for 'them'
  - Called to be different
    - Set apart, holy, aliens
- "Fight our battles"
  - Didn't want to do the work required= easy
  - Not the Lord, but a human (Exodus 14:14)
  - Wanted a human leader, to LEAD them and not the Lord
    - Jesus as Lord and Leader of our lives
    - Authority
      - True authority= Jesus

### Matthew 28:18 (NRSV)

18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

### 1 Samuel 8: 21-22

- God throwing hands up in the air, 'all right, give them what they want'

What's on the throne of your life? Spouse, Boss, Parents, etc.? Jesus should be in all situations.