

# Samuel – an Overview

- *An answer to prayer* **ch1**
- *The Lord's call on his life* **ch 3**
- *An outstanding leader* **chs 3,7**
  - preacher and teacher* **3.19-21**
  - a call to wholeheartedness* **7.4**
  - the people's priest* **7.9**
  - a great intercessor* **7.9**
  - a monument for the Lord* **7.12**
  - a circuit judge* **7.15-17**
- *A king-spotter* **chs 9-10,16**
  - displeased with the people* **8.6**
  - but listened to God* **8.6**
  - and promised to pray*
  - and teach* **12.23**
- *A messenger of bad news* **chs 3,15**
  - God's judgement on disobedience*

# Samuel – A Trusty Confident

*1 Samuel 19.18*

- *who supports the leader?  
for Saul, correction  
for David, a listening ear*

## 1. A Valuable Role

- *leadership is a lonely task  
can't duck decisions  
need to share visions  
but who with?  
Mk 4.13; 8.21,27-33; 9.2-6  
iron sharpens iron Prov 27.17*
- *leadership is a bruising task  
critics doubt, despise,  
deny support 10.27  
cast cares on Lord 1 Pet 5.5  
but find help through others*
- *leadership is a disappointing task  
hard work, no fruit Luke 5.5*

- **leadership is a confusing task**  
**what's going on?**

## **2. The Qualities Needed**

- **a capacity to hear God 3.10**  
**born of prayer 12.23**  
**8.6-7; 8.21-22; 9.15-16; 16.1-12**

**Be still and know that I am God**  
**Psalm 46.10**