

Samuel – God’s King-Maker

1 Samuel 9.1-10.9

1. Meet Israel’s First King, 9.1-14

God reigns, with Saul as his reins v17

- *a distinguished family v1,21*
- *impressive physically v2*
- *obedient, but impatient vs3-5*
- *lacked spiritual perception vs6-8*
shown up by unnamed servant
- *chosen by God vs15-17*
God loves to spring surprises 2.7
It’s not our background that counts
but what God does with it

2. A Chance Occurrence led to

A Planned Encounter, 9.15-10.9

- *God uses the ordinary*
to achieve the extraordinary
God guides through circumstances

- **God needs us to be open to him**
God can't work with a closed mind
8.6; 9.15-16
- **God's timing is always perfect v13**
'coincidences' are examples
of God's providence v14
- **When God appoints he also anoints**
oil = outward sign of inward call 10.1
like baptism, hands 1 Tim 4.14
- **God confirms with signs 10.2-6**
a reward for obedient faith
- **natural abilities are never enough**
we need empowering by God's Spirit
10.6; Isaiah 11.1-2; 61.1
- **old nature is never good enough**
we need God to change us 10.6,9
then we can fulfil God's purposes
10.7; Col 3.23
- **the key to guidance is**
a transformed mind Rom 12.2