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WHY MEN FAIL?

GOD'S CALLING AND GUIDANCE IN EVERYDAY LIFE

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INTRODUCTION

Life is like a movie in which everyone has a role to play, while God is like a movie director that gives everyone a role to play.

In this study we will dive into how God calls us and guides us into our specific roles.



Key Scripture:
1 Samuel 9:1-25

There was a Benjamite, a man of standing, whose name was Kish son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bekorath, the son of Aphiah of Benjamin. 2 Kish had a son named Saul, as handsome a young man as could be found anywhere in Israel, and he was a head taller than anyone else. 3 Now the donkeys belonging to Saul's father Kish were lost, and Kish said to his son Saul, "Take one of the servants with you and go and look for the donkeys." 4 So he passed through the hill country of Ephraim and through the area around Shalisha, but they did not find them. They went on into the district of Shaalim, but the donkeys were not there. Then he passed through the territory of Benjamin, but they did not find them. **5 When they reached the district of Zuph, Saul said to the servant who was with him, "Come, let's go back, or my father will stop thinking about the donkeys and start worrying about us."** **6 But the servant replied, "Look, in this town there is a man of God; he is highly respected, and everything he says comes true. Let's go there now. Perhaps he will tell us what way to take."** 7 Saul said to his servant, "If we go, what can we give the man? The food in our sacks is gone. We have no gift to take to the man of God. What do we have?" 8 The servant answered him again. "Look," he said, "I have a quarter of a shekel of silver. I will give it to the man of God so that he will tell us what way to take." 9 (Formerly in Israel, if someone went to inquire of God, they would say, "Come, let us go to the seer," because the prophet of today used to be called a seer.) 10 "Good," Saul said to his servant. "Come, let's go." So they set out for the town where the man of God was. **11 As they were going up the hill to the town, they met some young women coming out to draw water, and they asked them, "Is the seer**

here?" 12 "He is," they answered. "He's ahead of you. Hurry now; he has just come to our town today, for the people have a sacrifice at the high place. 13 As soon as you enter the town, you will find him before he goes up to the high place to eat. The people will not begin eating until he comes, because he must bless the sacrifice; afterward, those who are invited will eat. Go up now; you should find him about this time." 14 They went up to the town, and as they were entering it, there was Samuel, coming toward them on his way up to the high place. 15 Now the day before Saul came, the Lord had revealed this to Samuel: **16 "About this time tomorrow I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin. Anoint him ruler over my people Israel; he will deliver them from the hand of the Philistines. I have looked on my people, for their cry has reached me."** 17 When Samuel caught sight of Saul, the Lord said to him, "This is the man I spoke to you about; he will govern my people." 18 Saul approached Samuel in the gateway and asked, "Would you please tell me where the seer's house is?" 19 "I am the seer," Samuel replied. "Go up ahead of me to the high place, for today you are to eat with me, and in the morning I will send you on your way and will tell you all that is in your heart. 20 As for the donkeys you lost three days ago, do not worry about them; they have been found. And to whom is all the desire of Israel turned, if not to you and your whole family line?" 21 Saul answered, "But am I not a Benjamite, from the smallest tribe of Israel, and is not my clan the least of all the clans of the tribe of Benjamin? Why do you say such a thing to me?" 22 Then Samuel brought Saul and his servant into the hall and seated them at the head of those who were invited—about thirty in number. 23 Samuel said to

*the cook, “Bring the piece of meat I gave you, the one I told you to lay aside.” 24 So the cook took up the thigh with what was on it and set it in front of Saul. **Samuel said, “Here is what has been kept for you. Eat, because it was set aside for you for this occasion from the time I said, ‘I have invited guests.’”** And Saul dined with Samuel that day. 25 After they came down from the high place to the town, Samuel talked with Saul on the roof of his house. - 1 Samuel 9:1-25*

- ✓ *What do you understand from the passage?*
- ✓ *Who told Samuel about Saul?*

God told him.

4 THINGS TO LEARN FROM THE KEY SCRIPTURE

- 1. God chooses people who are not qualified. He can choose those who do not deserve it, those who have failed or those that are considered the least.**

Saul came from the smallest tribe but God still chose him.

*8 “Judah, your brothers will praise you;
your hand will be on the neck of your enemies;
your father’s sons will bow down to you.
9 You are a lion’s cub, Judah;
you return from the prey, my son.
Like a lion he crouches and lies down,
like a lioness—who dares to rouse him?
10 The scepter will not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet,
until he to whom it belongs[d] shall come
and the obedience of the nations shall be his. - Genesis 49:8-10*

We can see from the scripture above that the king did not have to come from the tribe of Benjamin, but God can still choose the people you least expect. Maybe you feel like you don’t deserve to be chosen because you have failed or you are the least likely to be chosen like Saul but God still wants to choose you.

- ✓ *Have you ever failed many times to a point you almost gave up e.g in school or morally?*
- ✓ *Did you ever think that God will never choose or bless you because of your failures?*

In I Samuel 9:5 God directed Saul through his servant just at the point he was discouraged.

Maybe you've been failing many times and are about to give up but God can still chose you, even if you've failed morally and you are wondering whether God can still use you. God can still use people who have failed.

Saul didn't know Samuel even though they were from the same town, it was his servant that told him about Samuel. Look around you, the person you are despising could be the one God is calling.

*But now, this is what the Lord says—
he who created you, Jacob,
he who formed you, Israel:
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.- Isaiah 43*

Open your eyes to those who do not know God, the weak and those who are failing, God maybe calling them.

2. Gods calling and guidance is not always so that we can be the main characters.

He also calls those that are only considered as extras in a movie, people whose duty may be to only help the main characters.

Here are some examples of people he also chose in the text:

○ THE SERVANT

In 1Samuel 9:5 the donkeys did not belong to the servant but he still went with Saul, he even gave him a new strategy of how to find the donkeys when Saul was about to give up. He is the one that knew where to find Samuel.

The servant was ready to do anything for Saul, the servant brought Saul to Samuel but when it was time for the feast he wasn't considered when Saul was invited for the feast.

✓ *Would you be offended if you were the servant?*

Remember that we cannot all be the main characters.

Sometimes we have to recognize our roles, maybe your role is to just lead Saul to Samuel like the servant or to bring someone to Christ.

✓ *What will the servant of Saul become?*

✓ *Will he also be great?*

○ THE YOUNG WOMEN

In I Samuel 9:11-12 we can see that the only role the young women had to play was to direct Saul and the servant to Samuel. It may seem insignificant but it was very vital to Saul's journey. You have to accept the position you've been given.

We are in the race of becoming great.

✓ *What is greatness in God's eyes?*

Maybe you are just an extra in the movie but that is the role you have to play, you are not the main character. You may even be better than the main character but you were not called to be the main character.

You could be helping someone in school and they may even do better than you, maybe you are helping that girl for her future husband and not for yourself.

You may be in the same position but may not get the same results because we are not called equally.

Samuel to was replaced by Saul but he had the humility to accept it.

✓ *If you were Samuel would you accept to be replaced?*

But Samuel had no problem with reserving the seat at the feast for Saul, he could have chosen to hold on to his power but he could have missed the role he had to play as a prophet.

Pray to God to show you your role!

*26 They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, that man who was with you on the other side of the Jordan—the one you testified about—look, he is baptizing, and everyone is going to him."
27 To this John replied, "A person can receive only what is given them from heaven."*

It takes the mind of humility to understand your role like John the Baptist.

3. God called you to bless you no matter the position you've been given.

*2 Shake off your dust;
rise up, sit enthroned, Jerusalem.
Free yourself from the chains on your neck,
Daughter Zion, now a captive. 3 For this is what the Lord says:
"You were sold for nothing,
and without money you will be redeemed." -Isaiah 52:2-3*

4. Watch out for God in everyday life.

1 Samuel 9:15 you may never know when God will reveal things to you. Watch out when you are at work, school etc He may be talking to you.

CONCLUSION

*3 "Listen to me, you descendants of Jacob,
all the remnant of the people of Israel,
you whom I have upheld since your birth,
and have carried since you were born.
4 Even to your old age and gray hairs
I am he, I am he who will sustain you.
I have made you and I will carry you;
I will sustain you and I will rescue you.- Isaiah 46:3-4*

It is not for you to direct your steps. Let us follow God's calling and guidance in our everyday life.