



House Fellowship BIBLE STUDY GUIDE

WHY MEN FAIL?

WHAT YOU NEED TO FULFILL YOUR DESTINY?

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INTRODUCTION

We normally have a plan set up for our future, what course we will study, what job we will get, who we will marry, our business plans and so on.

- ✓ *Have we ever stopped to think whether God is part of our plans?*
- ✓ *What are the signs that God is part of our plans?*
- ✓ *Is our plan God's plan?*

Find out in this study what it takes to fulfill your destiny.



Key Scripture:
1 Samuel 10:1-27

25 After they came down from the high place to the town, Samuel talked with Saul on the roof of his house. 26 They rose about daybreak, and Samuel called to Saul on the roof, "Get ready, and I will send you on your way." When Saul got ready, he and Samuel went outside together. 27 As they were going down to the edge of the town, Samuel said to Saul, "Tell the servant to go on ahead of us"—and the servant did so—"but you stay here for a while, so that I may give you a message from God."- 1Samuel 9:25-27

10 Then Samuel took a flask of olive oil and poured it on Saul's head and kissed him, saying, "Has not the Lord anointed you ruler over his inheritance? 2 When you leave me today, you will meet two men near Rachel's tomb, at Zelzah on the border of Benjamin. They will say to you, 'The donkeys you set out to look for have been found. And now your father has stopped thinking about them and is worried about you. He is asking, "What shall I do about my son?"' 3 "Then you will go on from there until you reach the great tree of Tabor. **Three men going up to worship God at Bethel will meet you there. One will be carrying three young goats, another three loaves of bread, and another a skin of wine.** 4 They will greet you and offer you two loaves of bread, which you will accept from them. 5 "After that you will go to Gibeah of God, where there is a Philistine outpost. **As you approach the town, you will meet a procession of prophets coming down from the high place with lyres, timbrels, pipes and harps being played before them, and they will be prophesying.** **6 The Spirit of the Lord will come powerfully upon you, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person.** 7 Once these signs are fulfilled, do whatever your hand finds to do, for God is with you. 8 "Go down ahead of me to Gilgal. I will surely come down to you to sacrifice burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, but you must wait seven days until I come to you and tell you what you are to do."

Saul Made King

9 As Saul turned to leave Samuel, God changed Saul's heart, and all these signs were fulfilled that day. 10 When he and his servant arrived at Gibeah, a procession of prophets met him; the Spirit of God came powerfully upon him, and he joined in their prophesying. 11 When all those who had formerly known him saw him prophesying with the prophets, they asked each other, "What is this that has happened to the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?" 12 A man who lived there answered, "And who is their father?" So it became a saying: "Is Saul also among the prophets?" 13 After Saul stopped prophesying, he went to the high place.

14 Now Saul's uncle asked him and his servant, "Where have you been?" "Looking for the donkeys," he said. "But when we saw they were not to be found, we went to Samuel." 15 **Saul's uncle said, "Tell me what Samuel said to you."** 16 Saul replied, "He assured us that the donkeys had been found." But he did not tell his uncle what Samuel had said about the kingship. 17 Samuel summoned the people of Israel to the Lord at Mizpah 18 and said to them, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'I brought Israel up out of Egypt, and I delivered you from the power of Egypt and all the kingdoms that oppressed you.' 19 But you have now rejected your God, who saves you out of all your disasters and calamities. And you have said, 'No, appoint a king over us.' So now present yourselves before the Lord by your tribes and clans." 20 **When Samuel had all Israel come forward by tribes, the tribe of Benjamin was taken by lot.** 21 Then he brought forward the tribe of Benjamin, clan by clan, and Matri's clan was taken. **Finally Saul son of Kish was taken. But when they looked for him, he was not to be found.** 22 So they inquired further of the Lord, "Has the man come here yet?" And the Lord said, "Yes, he has hidden himself among the supplies." 23 They ran and brought him out, and as he stood among the people he was a head taller than any of the others. 24 Samuel said to all the people, "Do you see the man the Lord has chosen? There is no one like him among all the people." Then the people shouted, "Long

live the king!” 25 Samuel explained to the people the rights and duties of kingship. He wrote them down on a scroll and deposited it before the Lord. Then Samuel dismissed the people to go to their own homes. 26 Saul also went to his home in Gibeah, accompanied by valiant men whose hearts God had touched. 27 But some scoundrels said, “How can this fellow save us?” They despised him and brought him no gifts. But Saul kept silent. -1Samuel 10:1-27

According to the key scripture how many signs did Samuel tell Saul?

1. The donkeys were found verse 2.
2. The bread offered by the three men verse 4.
3. To prophesy verse 5-6

Salt and Light

13 “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. 14 “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. - Matthew 5:13-16

We all have one mission, it is not about being a doctor, pharmacist, accountant etc

You cannot fail this mission. God expects you to fill the life of others and to bring flavor to their lives just like salt brings flavor to food, in short this makes you a leader. The purpose of your life is to give direction to somebody, just like the servant was a leader to Saul.

It is not about what you did in school, you can study anything, it may even seem better than what others are studying but the purpose is the same, what matters is how many people you've led to the truth, light and **life**.

10 Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand. 11 What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them." 12 Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?" 13 He replied, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. 14 Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit."- Matthew 15:14

✓ *How is your life going are you leading someone to God or into error?*

*13 But the people have not returned to him who struck them, nor have they sought the Lord Almighty.
14 So the Lord will cut off from Israel both head and tail, both palm branch and reed in a single day
15 the elders and dignitaries are the head, the prophets who teach lies are the tail.
16 Those who guide this people mislead them, and those who are guided are led astray. -Isaiah 9:13-16*

Those who lead you can determine where your life will end up. You could be called as a mother, a father, or a manager but if you are not careful you might lead those you are leading into error.

Saul could not come forward when he was called, he hide in the supplies (1Samuel 10:22). We can see from how nervous Saul was that it is not easy to be made a leader. You need ingredients to help you succeed as a leader, if not we will fail to be good leaders.

✓ *Would you want to know what you need to fulfill this mission?*

HOW DID GOD PREPARE SAUL FOR THIS GREAT TASK?

1. **A message from God** 1Samuel 9:27. This message will come when we spend time with God.
Even though the vision is clear we still don't know how or when to fulfill it, we still need to continue hearing from God. You can be very successful in your plan but it may not be God's plan for your life.
2. **The anointing** 1Samuel 10:1. You need to be anointed to fulfill God's mission.
You need God's anointing in your daily life, even to be a wife or a husband you need an anointing. 1Samuel 10:7 before you go ahead with your plan make sure God is with you.

Many of us go to God with a preformed plan, we just want his power to fulfil our plan.

- ✓ *Do you want his power for your plan or his plan with his power?*
- ✓ *How can you know that God is with you?*

Ask god before you make a plan!

They are 3 signs to know that God is with you.

- **You know things you cannot know naturally.** 1Samuel 10:2-7 God reveals secrets to you, God revealed these signs to Saul to show him that He was with him. If God is with you, you will know.
- **You have acts of love.** When God is with you people show you love, people provide for you just like they did with Saul. **You will meet people going to the house of God.**
- **SPEAKING.** 1Samuel 10:5-6 To prophesy is to speak, the prophesy was about the goodness of God it was not about the future, it was about worshipping God.

When God is with you, you cannot be sad or depressed, it is not part of Gods spirit to be gloomy.

*2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,
3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor. –Isaiah 61:2-3*

1corinthians12:7-10

When God is with you someone will be in a hurry to help you. You need God, you can't count on your salary to fulfill your mission, be faithful to what his called you to do.

15 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well." 19 After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. 20 Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.
Mark 16:15-20

God was not only present with the disciples but He was also working with them, if God is working with you, you will see the signs. God is alive and he is with you. He didn't give you a mission so He can go on vacation! He is working with you.

3. **God gave Saul people.** When God sends you on a mission, He doesn't give you money, He gives you people. He gives you himself and people.

✓ *Can you recognize the type people God has given you?*

✓ *Do you recognize the people around you?*

Here are 5 categories of people that were with Saul:

- **He had to meet people who were just commentators:** They don't do anything they jus comment "when did Saul become a prophet!". They only sit and talk.
 - ✓ *Do you have commentators in your life?*
- **He met his uncle who was asking sensitive questions** I Samuel 10:15-16. Saul's uncle had a son called Abner and his son was a great warrior, if Saul had told him immediately about the kingship, he would have been jealous of Saul. At that time every elder was looking forward to who will be the king, if Saul told his uncle about his kingship his life would have been in danger, so he kept quiet. Saul was very wise to have kept silent. There are people around you who will ask questions, learn how to answer them.

- **People that will clap for you but cannot help you** 1Samuel 10:24. They will clap and happy with you, they are happy you are around but they can't help you. They are also important.
- **Somebody who's heart God has touched to help you** 1Samuel 10:26. Take note of the people God has placed around you. These are the people you should have close to you, people who will be on your case, warn you of danger, who will accompany you. Even if you are better than them. God will send you people that will help you in your school, relationships, marriage etc. He does not send you alone.
- **Some scoundrels that did not bring him any support or gifts** 1Samuel 10:27. They are also important to keep you on your toes.

CONCLUSION

Trust in God to help you fulfill His mission, do not rely on your own understanding or your own recourses.

May the lord bring people to help you in your relationship, business, school etc

When God sends you, He equips you.

5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." 6 So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?" Hebrews 13:5-6
