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## **FAILURE**

- Negative State of Mind from it
  - Regret; Bitterness; Anger
  - Spiritual doubt/confusion
  - Identity crisis

**I Samuel 8:**

God permits a sinful request that brings about major failure.

God/Christ + **Human King** = Happiness; Security; Identity

- 1) God wants something more than **coerced compliance**.
- 2) God's permissions are **never** without purpose.

**Proverbs 19:21**

Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the **Lord's purpose that prevails**.

**Colossians 1:15-18**

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in Him **all** things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether **thrones or powers or rulers or authorities**; all things have been created **through** Him and **for** Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among **the dead**, so that in everything He might have **the supremacy**.

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**3) Failure ... has a **divine design**.**

Satan, the Deceiver, works to **hijack** that design.

**1 Samuel 8:1-3**

When Samuel grew **old**, he appointed **his sons** as judges over Israel. His firstborn son's name was Joel and his second was Abijah. They were judges in Beer-sheba. However, his sons **did not walk in his ways**—they turned toward dishonest profit, took bribes, and perverted justice.

Failure is part of **every story.**

### **1 Samuel 8:4-5**

So all the elders of Israel gathered together and went to Samuel at Ramah. They said to him, “Look, you are **old**, and your sons **do not walk** in your ways. Therefore, appoint **a king** to judge us **the same** as all the other nations have.”

**The solution they propose is a failure.**

**Humans fail us so appoint a human king to lead us.**

**The failure to know what will make us happy.**

### **Leviticus 20:26**

You are to **be holy** to Me because I, the Lord, am holy, and I have **set you apart** from the nations to be Mine.

### **1 Samuel 8:6-8**

When they said, “Give us a king to judge us,” Samuel considered their demand **wrong**, so he prayed to the Lord. But the Lord told him, “Listen to the people and everything they say to you. They have not rejected you; **they have rejected Me as their king**. They are doing the same thing to you that they have done to Me, since the day I brought them out of Egypt until this day, **abandoning Me** and **worshiping other gods**.”

### **Jeremiah 2:13**

For My people have committed a double evil: They have **abandoned Me**, the fountain of living water, and dug cisterns for themselves—**cracked cisterns** that cannot hold water.

**The failure** to see God’s supreme worth, beauty and authority and then **choose** Him with joyful submission.

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### **2 Corinthians 4:4**

... the god of this age has **blinded the minds** of the unbelievers to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the **glory of Christ**, who is the image of God.

### **John 8:32**

You will know **the truth**, and the truth will set you **free**.

### **1 Samuel 8:10-17**

Samuel told all the Lord's words to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These are the rights of the king who will reign over you: He will **take** your sons and put them to his use in his chariots, on his horses, or running in front of his chariots. He can appoint them for his use as commanders of thousands or commanders of fifties, to plow his ground and reap his harvest, or to make his weapons of war and the equipment for his chariots. He can **take** your daughters to become perfumers, cooks, and bakers. He can **take** your best fields, vineyards, and olive orchards and give them to his servants. He can **take** a tenth of your grain and your vineyards and give them to his officials and servants. He can **take** your male servants, your female servants, your best cattle, and your donkeys and use them for his work. He can **take** a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves can become his servants.

### **God's Warning:**

**The king will not be FOR you but will take FROM you.**

### **1 Samuel 8:18-22**

When that day comes, you will **cry out** because of **the king you've chosen** for yourselves, but the Lord won't answer you on that day." The people **refused** to listen to Samuel. "No!" they said. "We must have a king over us. Then we'll be like all the other nations: our king will judge us, go out before us, and fight our battles."

Samuel listened to all the people's words and then repeated them to the Lord. "Listen to them," the Lord told Samuel. "**Appoint a king for them.**" Then Samuel told the men of Israel, "Each of you, go back to your city."

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**Everyone chooses a king.**

**Everyone knows failure.**

**God is still sovereign—even over sin, failures, and bad kings—so that He might have the supremacy.**

**God's permissions show us both the King we need, and the King God gives.**

### **Ephesians 1:4-6**

For He chose us in Him, **before** the foundation of the world, to be **holy** and blameless in love before Him. He predestined us to be adopted as sons through Jesus Christ **for Himself**, according

to the good pleasure of His will, to the **praise of His glorious grace** that He lavished on us in the Beloved One.

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**I Samuel 8--**

We need to understand the **explanation** that awakens us.

We need to hear the **warning** that protects us.

We need to have the **ballast** that sustains us.

We need to receive the **grace** that invites us.

**Philippians 3:13-14**

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly call in Christ Jesus.