

Touched by the Throne
Saul, a Man After His Own Heart

I. Introduction

II. God Calls Saul

I Samuel 8:4-5 (NIV)

I Samuel 9:1-2 (NIV)

I Samuel 10:17-24 (NIV)

A. Don't be someone who hides from God's call.

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) *For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

Galatians 2:20 (NIV) *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

B. Do be someone who says "yes" to God's call.

I am the church!

III. Saul at Gilgal

I Samuel 13:6-14 (NIV)

A. Don't be someone who relies on your own wisdom.

Proverbs 3:5-8 (NIV) *⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. ⁷Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. ⁸This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.*

James 1:5 (NIV) *If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.*

B. Do be someone who waits to hear from the Lord on important decisions.

IV. Saul and David

I Samuel 18:6-12 (NIV)

I Corinthians 3:3 (NIV) *You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men?*

A. Don't be someone who is jealous of how God uses someone else.

Ephesians 4:29 (NIV) *Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.*

John 3:26-30 (NIV) 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—well, he is baptizing, and everyone is going to him."* ²⁷*To this John replied, "A man can receive only what is given him from heaven. ²⁸You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Christ but am sent ahead of him.'* ²⁹*The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. ³⁰He must become greater; I must become less.*

B. Do be someone who lifts others up to whatever ministry God has for them.

V. Conclusion