



## Practicing What Is Preached

Odyssey Of An Emerging Leader - Part 4 of 7

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**Big Idea:** Our message will always be heard in context with our character.

**Text:** 1 Samuel 7, 8, 12

### **I. SAMUEL ... A SPIRITUAL \_\_\_\_\_.**

*So the Philistines were subdued and did not invade Israelite territory again. Throughout Samuel's lifetime, the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines. – 1 Samuel 7:13*

*The towns from Ekron to Gath that the Philistines had captured from Israel were restored to her, and Israel delivered the neighboring territory from the power of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites. Samuel continued as judge over Israel all the days of his life.*

*– 1 Samuel 7:14-15*

### **II. SAMUEL ... A HUMBLE \_\_\_\_\_.**

*When Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons as judges for Israel. The name of his firstborn was Joel and the name of his second was Abijah, and they served at Beersheba. But his sons did not walk in his ways. They turned aside after dishonest gain and accepted bribes and perverted justice. So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have." But when they said, "Give us a king to lead us," this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the LORD. And the LORD told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king." – 1 Samuel 8:1-7*

### **III. SAMUEL ... A COURAGEOUS \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen and the Lord will not answer you in that day." But the people refused to listen to Samuel. "No!" they said. "We want a king over us. Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles." When Samuel heard all that the people said, he repeated it before the LORD. The LORD answered, "Listen to them and give them a king." – 1 Samuel 8:18-22*

#### **IV. SAMUEL ... A FAITHFUL \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Samuel said to all Israel, "I have listened to everything you said to me and have set a king over you. Now you have a king as your leader. As for me, I am old and gray, and my sons are here with you. I have been your leader from my youth until this day. Here I stand. Testify against me in the presence of the LORD and his anointed. Whose ox have I taken? Whose donkey have I taken? Whom have I cheated? Whom have I oppressed? From whose hand have I accepted a bribe to make me shut my eyes? If I have done any of these, I will make it right." "You have not cheated or oppressed us," they replied. "You have not taken anything from anyone's hand." Samuel said to them, "The LORD is witness against you, and also his anointed is witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand." "He is witness," they said. – 1 Samuel 12:1-5*

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

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*– 1 Samuel 12:3*