

- They have cool gadgets, great holidays, deep pleasures why can't we?
 - And then we'd be sorted.
- V21 Repeat.
- God speaks to Samuel.
- Samuel speaks to the people.
- It's amazing, he actually gives them over to what they want.
- This is a bad thing,
 - And we are going to see the first King- Saul.
 - And he's going to be good in parts
 - But he's going to be bad in parts
 - And ultimately God will reject him.
- ▲ Chris- found Christmas presents. Have them. Cmas spoiled. Good thing in wrong place. Spoiled.
- **God is bigger than we think.** He can act in Judgement and he can discipline us for the things we get wrong.
- But also There's something amazing.
 - **God can give** them what they ask for – A King, and they still get what they need- God.
 - **God used the mess of their wrong desires to give them a King!**
 - **This king points to another King who meets our every need.** He gives us joy, satisfaction, life, eternal happiness.
- Bigger than we think in reversing our messes, and using them. This whole King project was a mistake, wrong motives, but it led to the Messiah- Saul, David....Jesus!
- In him forgiveness, new life, fresh start.
- Wasn't right, but God worked through it!
- He can do the same for us. Let's pray.
 - **How Kind of God to give us Jesus!**

"We want a King"- 1 Sam 8 AAS 11JAN26

INTRO TO TALK

- PRAY V1-2 (p277)
- In a moment rest of reading.
- **First a Question...**
 - What is your "if only"? Daydream.
 - **Thing.** Toy. House. Car. More £. Certain Job.
 - **Person.** Sch. Special friend.
 - **Be more sorted** (NY)- health/money/less stressy
 - **Appearance**- hair like Elsa. Muscles Spidey.
 - Today's story ppl of God had an "if only"
 - Called it "we want a King"!
- Meet Samuel! (Ben M) Not yet king, but come to it!
- **Exciting- new series in OT.** Long time before J and Philipians!
 - Actually met Samuel before. return to 1 Sam
 - (one of 1st sermon series as a church)
 - Who at CCH in the first year.
 - I really enjoyed preaching 1-8.
 - All online. Exciting stories. TEAM.
 - Lessons on God, leadership (asst!)
 - That series ended on this chapter
 - Good overlap between series & some recap.
 - Adult sermon is online.
 - Some of you might remember the Ebenezer stone.
 - Thus far Lord helped us. True then & now.
 - 1st section re Samuel. He's now getting old.
 - Now mainly about Saul. God's first King.
- **But it's not a good start**
 - Priest- leader stand between God (reader) & ppl.
 - Appoints his sons. (story so not Arthur & Harry)
 - Film called **groundhog day!** Feels like that.
 - This happened with Eli's sons in ch 1-3
 - Died in ch4. Didn't
 - **So let's have reading... (watch flow!)**

TALK PART 1- “We are more foolish than we think”

- **V1-6**
- **Their “if only” is a King.**
 - Actually makes some sense.
 - Leaders coming up look corrupt.
 - Like still in time of Judges. Surprising saviours, gaps.
 - Better to have next guy straight away when 1st died.
 - But already seen leaders passing onto sons- Eli/Sam=Bad!
 - Didn’t work with prophets & priests, why better with King.
 - But there’s a bigger problem....
 - God about to tell Samuel.
- **V7-9**
 - Oh- big problem is rejected God.
 - ▲ If I said going to have takeaway food every day
 - No money left, but what saying about E’s food. K’s bolognese. L’s sweet & sour chicken M’s brownies
 - He’s rescued them.
 - They are abandoning him in favour of other gods. V8.
 - (Now older kids might want to look up Deut 17 when get home-see Kingship wasn’t all bad, but needed to follow God’s ways)
 - Just like takeaway not bad in self
 - Motivation behind it.
- **Just pause.**
 - What’s your “if only”?
 - **Back on screen.**
- **Well let’s have what its going to be like**
 - What if the thing you wanted wasn’t good for you?
 - And it won’t be if you want it in place of God.
- **Look for repeated words.**
- **V10-17.**
- **INTERACTION? What take?**
 - V11-12 **sons**- soldiers, farmers, weapons mass destruct.
 - V13 **daughters**- sweatshop workers, make his Eau Du Col.

- V14 **land** annex it. Crimea, Greenland, Venezuela!
- V15 **grain/grapes**- give his deputies best wine.
- V16 **servants, cattle, donkeys, flocks**. You’ll be **slaves**.

- You can have a good thing (King) but want it for wrong reasons and it will come back and bite you in the BTM.
- And if you go the whole hog in replacing your God with something
 - V18 you’ll find it’s too late.
 - Judgement day will come.
 - V shocking.
- **We are more foolish than we think.**
 - Think we need to be careful to listen to God.
 - Question why we want something.
 - Look carefully at whether we are replacing God.
 - Even this early in the New Year!
 - Quite sad message to start series so far.
 - May need to say sorry
 - May need to stop something, get help while we can.
 - Be honest. What are you running after? Replacing God?

Let’s say sorry.

PRAYER- on screen.

SONG- to listen to from Sovereign Grace. ONE STEP AT A TIME. Hope...

Got some hope in it though. Every Xn has the Holy Spirit to help us to say no.

TALK PART 2- “God is bigger than we think”

- **Did you spot the cycle?**
- **Going to have it again, a second attempt, but much quicker.**
- **READING 2 V19-22.** Aha- we want to be like everyone else at work or school.