


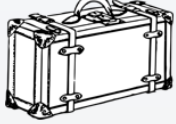
## Dig Deeper into 1 Sam 10:17-11:15 for individuals and lifegroups

**God is at work**


**1 Sam 10:17-11:15**

(first the big picture)

1) ... **publicly identifying the King** 10:17-27

➡ **Respect God's choice**  **Missing in Mizpah**

2) ... **powerfully enabling the King** 11:1-15

➡ **Rejoice in God's mercy**  **Nasty Nahash**

Some questions to help you dig into today's sermon passage... (do one or both if time)...

### 1. 10:17-27

- CONTEXT:** This is the second of three national gatherings (see overview diagram on the next page). What must we learn about ourselves (10:19)?
- OBSERVATION:** What different things does God do in the section? What do you find quirky about this story? What questions does it raise?
- MEANING:** Why do you think Saul was hiding? Why do you think Samuel explains the rights and duties of Kingship (perhaps some of Deut 17) Where do you see God at work identifying Jesus as the Messiah in the New Testament?
- APPLICATION:** How would you respond to a friend who says if Christianity is true why doesn't God do something? How might this passage (or Romans 13:1-7) change your attitude to authority?

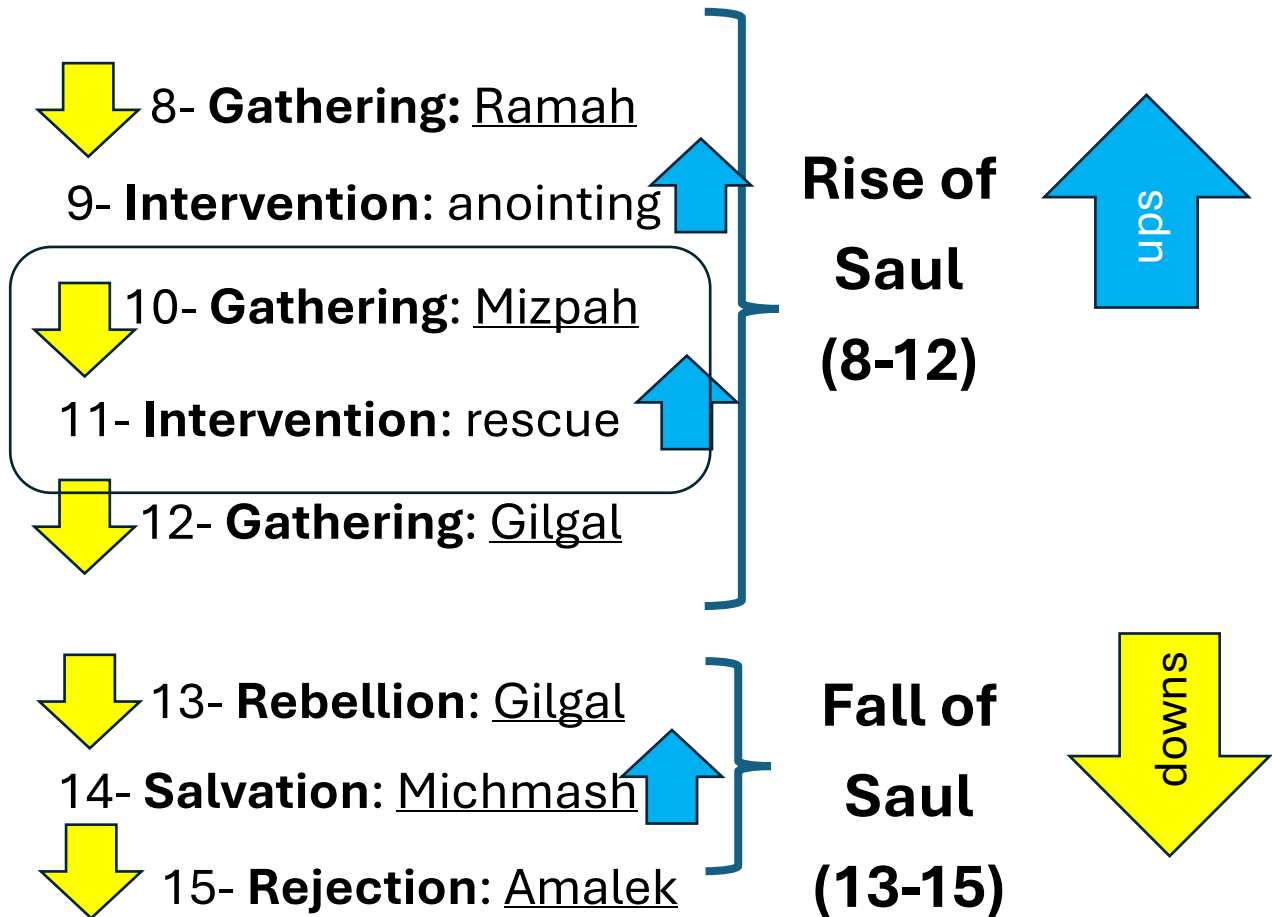
### 2. 11:1-15

- CONTEXT:** Between each of the national gatherings where their sinful motives are exposed (see overview on the next page) God intervenes in power and mercy. What does this tell you about God (9:15)? How should we react?
- OBSERVATION:** What is the turning point of the story?
- MEANING:** Where would the people be without the Spirit's intervention?
- APPLICATION:** Looking back over the story this far, it is clear that God is at work establishing HIS kingdom. How does that encourage you (or challenge you) in the light of any significant global/personal events right now?

### Some resources...

- Here is the **Bible Project's** introduction diagram of 1 Samuel  
<https://bibleproject.com/guides/books-of-samuel/>
- Our 2019 sermon series on 1 Samuel 1-8 is [here](#) including scripts, powerpoints, audio.
- Some **extra notes** that I have put together for lifegroup leaders and preachers and kids workers are [here](#). They include further online resources and book recommendations.

A rough guide to the structure/ups and downs of this section....!



**Gatherings** include an indictment of the people's sin in wanting a King to replace God's kingship and so could be considered "downs". **Interventions** show God's merciful provision and protection and so could be considered "ups". But ultimately it's moving towards Saul's rebellion and rejection in chs13-15.

A nice picture of an Ammonite (of the geological kind) for you!

