

**Life Lessons From 1 Samuel
Lessons From a Desperate Housewife
1 Samuel 1:1-2:11 (page 185)**

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Overview: (see introductory notes on the inside)

**At times, we may find ourselves in _____
_____ (1 Sam 1:1-8)**

**God uses the _____ and situations of our lives
to _____ us to _____ upon _____ (1 Sam 1:9-19)**

- The reality is that prayer doesn't change the _____
as much as it changes ____.

**These experiences bring us to the _____ that God's
_____ are _____ than our own (1 Sam 1:20-28)**

- As we _____ ourselves to _____ purposes we begin
to understand that _____ purpose is live for His _____!

**We discover that _____ is the expression of our _____
that _____ us to _____ God's will (1 Sam 2:1-11)**

- Faith that is willing to _____ what we _____ the
most, _____ us to embrace God's purposes as _____
than our own.

Life Lesson:

The Lord can turn the _____ of our circumstances into joy as we
_____ to His purposes and _____ His goodness
and power.

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Introduction:

1 Samuel describes the *transition* of leadership in Israel from *judges to kings*.

Prominent characters in the book include: *Samuel* - the last judge and first prophet; *Saul* - the first king of Israel; and *David* - the anointed but yet unrecognized successor of Saul.

The *author of 1 and 2 Samuel* is *anonymous*, however Jewish tradition ascribes authorship to Samuel. Since Samuel's death is recorded in *1 Samuel 25:1*, he couldn't have written what follows. *1 Chronicles 29:29* notes that Samuel, along with Nathan and Gad, recorded the "acts of King David" which may indicate that someone from the prophetic school compiled 1 and 2 Samuel from the prior documents of Samuel, Nathan and Gad.

Time and place of the book - the events of the book take place in *Canaan* over a period of roughly *100-110 years* stretching from the ending of the period of the judges when Samuel was born (cir 1120 BC) to the death of Saul (cir 1011 BC).

The application to us today - God is still *sovereign*...He will accomplish His purposes with, or without, our cooperation. But, as was evident in the lives of Samuel, Saul and David, *our response to God's will affects our outcome*. Obedience to God (Samuel and David) brings *blessing* while ignoring or refusing God's call (Saul) will bring *destruction and sorrow*.

FIRST SAMUEL

BEGINNING	Samuel			Saul	ENDING
Samuel's godliness	The Last Judge			The First King	Saul's apostasy
National hope	BIRTH	GROWTH AND CALL	MINISTRY	REJECTION BY GOD	Depression
Motivation	CHANGE			REBELLION AGAINST GOD	Personal despair
Purity	CHAPTER 1	CHAPTERS 2-3	CHAPTERS 4-7	CHAPTERS 13-16	Suicide
	CHAPTERS 8-12			CHAPTERS 17-31	
Attitude of the People	Public trust			Public disillusionment	
Theme	Though leaders and nations change, God's purposes always move forward.				
Key Verses	8:6-9; 13:14				
Christ in 1 Samuel	Typified in Samuel, who was a prophet, priest, and judge; also portrayed in the life of David . . . shepherd, king, and born in Bethlehem				