

**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.

(continued on inside)

**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

<b>BEGINNING</b>					
Samuel's godliness					
National hope					
Motivation					
Purity					
	<b>Samuel</b>	<b>Saul</b>	<b>Samuel</b>	<b>Saul</b>	<b>ENDING</b>
	<b>The Last Judge</b>	<b>The First King</b>	<b>Rebellion Against God</b>	<b>Rejection by God</b>	<b>Saul's apostasy</b>
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