

**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

<p>BEGINNING</p> <p>Samuel's godliness</p> <hr/> <p>National hope</p> <hr/> <p>Motivation</p> <hr/> <p>Purity</p> <hr/>	<p>Samuel</p> <p>The Last Judge</p>	<p>Saul</p> <p>The First King</p>	<p>ENDING</p> <p>Saul's apostasy</p> <hr/> <p>Depression</p> <hr/> <p>Personal despair</p> <hr/> <p>Suicide</p> <hr/>
	<p>BIRTH</p> <hr/> <p>GROWTH AND CALL</p> <hr/> <p>MINISTRY</p> <hr/> <p>CHANGE</p>	<p>REJECTION BY GOD</p> <hr/> <p>REBELLION AGAINST GOD</p>	
	<p>CHAPTER 1</p> <hr/> <p>CHAPTERS 2-3</p> <hr/> <p>CHAPTERS 4-7</p> <hr/> <p>CHAPTERS 8-12</p>	<p>CHAPTERS 13-16</p> <hr/> <p>CHAPTERS 17-31</p>	
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		