

**Life Lessons From 1 Samuel
Transition - God Selects the New King
1 Samuel 16:1-23 (page 196)**

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In times of *transition*:

We need to let go of the past and overcome our fears of the future (1 Sam 16:1-3)

- The Lord's timing and choice of leader should motivate us (v 1; Phil 3:13-14; Ecc 3:4)
- Leadership transition brings legitimate fears (v 2)
- Dependence on the Lord's plan is necessary (v 3)
- Obedience to the Lord's will is key to success (v 4a)

We have to be open to unlikely possibilities
(1 Sam 16:4b-13)

- God's choice of a leader is contrary to human reason (vs 4-7)
- We must allow God's process to be carried out step by step (vs 8-10)
- We need to follow God's process to completion (vs 11-12a; 1 Cor 1:27)
- We need to affirm the Lord's selection once it is revealed (vs 12b-13)

The process of preparation is determined and guided by God (1 Sam 16:14-23)

- God is at work even when we are not aware of it (vs 14-17)
- Faithfulness in our obscurity is part of God's training ground (v 18)
- We have to trust God to make things happen (vs 19-23)

Life Lessons:

1. Transitions are part of God's leading in our lives to move us from the past to a new future.
2. Be open for God to take you down unexpected and unlikely roads as He transitions you to new growth.
3. Trust that God has, in the past, and is now in the present, preparing you for all that He is working toward as you move forward in your growth