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Everyone's Doing It
1 Samuel 8:7-22

Q. Where do you put your trust? In what do you trust? Can you trust the crowd?

1 Sam 8:4-5 *Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah; ⁵and they said to him, "Behold, you have grown old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint a king for us to judge us like all the nations."*

When we want to look like everyone else:

I. We miss God's _____ for our life.

1 Sam 8:7-9 *The LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in regard to all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from being king over them. ⁸Like all the deeds which they have done since the day that I brought them up from Egypt even to this day--in that they have forsaken Me and served other gods--so they are doing to you also. ⁹Now then, listen to their voice; however, you shall solemnly warn them and tell them of the procedure of the king who will reign over them."*

II. We choose a _____ in life.

1 Sam 8:10-18 *So Samuel spoke all the words of the LORD to the people who had asked of him a king. ¹¹He said, "This will be the procedure of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and place them for himself in his chariots and among his horsemen and they will run before his chariots. ¹²He will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and of fifties, and some to do his plowing and to reap his harvest and to make his weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. ¹³He will also take your daughters for perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴He will take the best of your fields and your vineyards and your olive groves and give them to his servants. ¹⁵He will take a tenth of your seed and of your vineyards and give to his officers and to his servants. ¹⁶He will also take your male servants and your female servants and your best young men and your donkeys and use them for his work. ¹⁷He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his*

servants. ¹⁸Then you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the LORD will not answer you in that day."

Mt 11:29-30 *Jesus said, "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. ³⁰"For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*

III. We close our ears to _____.

1 Sam 8:19-22 *Nevertheless, the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel, and they said, "No, but there shall be a king over us, ²⁰that we also may be like all the nations, that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles." ²¹Now after Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the LORD'S hearing. ²²The LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to their voice and appoint them a king." So Samuel said to the men of Israel, "Go every man to his city."*

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!



1. In what do you trust?
2. When are you tempted to follow the crowd? When are you inclined to join what everyone else is doing? When do you feel led to go against the crowd?
3. Is there a time in your life when you followed the crowd and regretted it?
4. When have you trusted God's word or direction in your life and seen God's blessing through that decision?
5. Our lives are going to be ruled by something (some lord): What is it that rules your life? Where do you see the rule in your life acted out?

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