



Part 10 - “Formed to Trust” | 1 Samuel 10 | Feb 1st, 2026

➡ **Consider This:** (Psalm 1:1-2) Meditation in the bible is never about emptying our minds or rushing to fill them. It’s about letting God’s Word slowly seep into our hearts.

➡ **MAIN Idea:** 1 Samuel 9–10 reveals what it looks like when God forms people to trust Him through His Word and lived experiences.

➡ **Notice Saul’s Responses to God’s call:**

- **Confusion** (1 Samuel 9:21)
- **Silence** (1 Samuel 10:16)
- **Hiding** (1 Samuel 10:22)
- **Silence** (1 Samuel 10:27)

➡ **1 Samuel 10 Notes**

- (v9-10) “God changed Saul’s heart”; “the Spirit of God came powerfully upon him” both temporary → the LORD *empowered* Saul for the moment he was in
- (v16) note the silence - Saul had plenty of room for God to work on his heart
- (v17) Mizpah - city where Israel held national assemblies
 - not the main place for worship
 - the absence of the Ark highlights Israel’s rejection of Yahweh
- (v19) Samuel’s *doesn’t* stay silent
- (v20) “taken by lot” - a public way of showing the LORD’s *choice*
- (v22) “hidden himself among the supplies” - Saul’s response to God’s call
 - Saul was being called to be king within a matter of *days*

➡ **Saul and Samuel:** Both were chosen by the LORD. Both experienced what it was like to be asked by the LORD to do something and *not* want to do it. Only one of them was willing to quietly trust the LORD and obey — Samuel.

- (v23) “brought him out” (Hebrew = to seize; take by force)
- (v23) “a head taller” = Saul *looked* the part of a great military leader
- (v26) “valiant men” = brave men ready to serve in Saul’s military
- (v27) “scoundrels” (Hebrew = persons of worthlessness)
 - 1 Samuel 2:12 uses the same Hebrew phrase for Eli’s sons
- (v27) “Saul kept silent” = Saul’s response to God’s call

➡ **MAIN Idea:** Spiritual growth isn’t simply learning to recognize God’s voice. It’s the *lifelong process of being formed to follow* His Word, responding with trust and obedience, even when it feels uncomfortable.

- **We’re formed to trust Jesus and His will as we learn to surrender to Him**
- Example: The Lord’s Prayer (Matthew 6:10): “*Your will be done*”

➡ **Going Deeper:** Are there areas of your life where you need to learn to trust Jesus more—areas where fears or doubts might be holding you back? Ask Jesus to reveal these areas, giving you the wisdom and strength to step forward into what He’s calling you to do.