

**Message 8
God's Will**

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- 2. God reveals His _____.**
(1 Samuel 9:15-21. C/R: Proverbs 3:6; Amos 3:7;
James 1:5)

► **Outline**

Today's Message based on 1 Samuel 8:21-22; 9:1-27; 10:1-27.

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

A. Introduction

**(1 Samuel 8:21-22. C/R: Proverbs 19:21; Romans 8:28;
James 4:13-15)**

**Providence = God carries out His plans by
_____ over this world.**

- 3. God _____ His calling.**
(1 Samuel 9:22-27; 10:1-24. C/R: Mark 16:20;
Ephesians 2:10; Philippians 2:13)

B. The Working of God's Will:

(1 Samuel 8:21-10:27)

- 1. God works through _____.**
(1 Samuel 9:3-14. C/R: Psalm 16:9; Isaiah 46:9-11;
Philippians 1:12)

Answers: ruling **B. 1.** circumstances **2.** plans **3.** confirms

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or on your own to pursue your relationship with Jesus. Take time to reflect, learn and talk with God. Find a Small Group at brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starter

Have you ever been faced with a big decision and wished God would just tell you what to do? If so, describe the situation.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [1 Samuel 9:1-16](#).

1. Describe Saul and his family background ([vs. 1-2](#)).
2. Saul was sent to look for his father's donkeys. List at least four things that happened on his journey ([vs. 3-14](#)).
3. While Saul was looking for the donkeys, what was God doing ([vs. 15-16](#))?
4. Do you believe the details in this story are a coincidence or a strategic plan orchestrated by God? Why?

Read [1 Samuel 9:17-27](#).

5. Why do you think God used Samuel to communicate with Saul? Why didn't God reveal Himself to Saul directly? What can we learn from this?
6. When Samuel told Saul what God's plan was, how did Saul respond? What do you think he was feeling?

Read [1 Samuel 10:1-16](#).

7. Samuel anointed Saul with oil, then described very specific signs he was to look for on his way home. What were some of those signs ([vs. 1-16](#))?
8. God reveals His will to us as we pray and read the Bible, through circumstances and people, and also by putting thoughts directly in our mind. What are some ways God has revealed His will to you?
9. What are ways you can know for sure you are following God's will?

Soul Training

Reflect on the idea of surrender. What would it look like in your every-day life if you were more surrendered to God? What are your fears when it comes to seeking and following God's will for your life? As thoughts come to mind, share them honestly with God. Ask Him what He wants you to know. Use this time to strengthen your relationship with God and know His will.

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading

Day 1: [Philippians 2:13](#)

Day 4: [James 1:5](#)

Day 2: [Proverbs 16:9](#)

Day 5: [Ephesians 2:10](#)

Day 3: [Isaiah 46:9-11](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, March 11, we'll continue our series *Belonging to God: The Life of Samuel*. To prepare for the message, spend a few quiet moments reading [1 Samuel 12:1-25](#).