

### **Who Do You Want to Be When You Grow Up?**

First Samuel introduces us to Israel's last two judges (Eli, a failure; Samuel, a success) and first two kings (Saul, a failure; David, a success). Appropriately, the story of Israel's monarchy begins with an account of the early life of Samuel: prophet, priest, judge, and, most significantly, king-maker.

— **Samuel's birth**

- ◆ Hannah's song
- ◆ Serves in Temple
- ◆ Called by God

— **Samuel was a prophet, 3:19-20**

— **Samuel was a priest, 7:5**

— **Samuel was a leader / judge, 7:6, 7:15**

— **Samuel was human**

- ◆ Disappointment over sons — 8:3
- ◆ Grief over Saul — 15:35
- ◆ Fear of Saul — 16:2

— **Samuel was a mentor**

- ◆ Anointed David — 16:13
- ◆ Refuge during stress — 19:18
- ◆ Samuel's death — 25:1

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— **Seek a mentor** — don't be too proud

— **Be a mentor** — Invest in the next generation

- ◆ Listen
- ◆ Encourage
- ◆ Open doors
- ◆ Hang in there — someone may be watching!

**LIFE RESPONSE:**