<u>"Waiting"</u> (2)

"Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, 'Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation:

'Whoever believes will not be in haste.'" (Isaiah 28:16)

People's Choice

1 Samuel 8:4-5, 7 – (4) "Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah (5) and said to him, 'Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations. (7) And the LORD said to Samuel, 'Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.'"

Side-Effects will include

1 Samuel 8:11-20 – (11) "[Samuel] said, 'These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots. (12) And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. (13) He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. (14) He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants. (15) He will take the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants. (16) He will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men and your donkeys, and put them to his work. (17) He will take the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. (18) And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the LORD will not answer you in that day.' (19) But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, 'No! But there shall be a king over us, (20) that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.""

1 Samuel 10:18-19, 23-24 — (18) "And [Samuel] said to the people of Israel, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and I delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of all the kingdoms that were oppressing you. (19) But today you have rejected your God, who saves you from all your calamities and your distresses, and you have said to him, 'Set a king

over us.' Now therefore present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes and by your thousands. (23) Then they ran and took [Saul] from there. And when [Saul] stood among the people, he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward. (24) And Samuel said to all the people, 'Do you see him whom the LORD has chosen? There is none like him among all the people.' And all the people shouted, 'Long live the king!'"

1 Samuel 31:6-7 – (6) "Thus Saul died, and his three sons, and his armor-bearer, and all his men, on the same day together. (7) And when the men of Israel who were on the other side of the valley and those beyond the Jordan saw that the men of Israel had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead, they abandoned their cities and fled. And the Philistines came and lived in them."

Key Point: What we force brings much remorse

God's Choice

<u>Psalm 78:70-72</u> – (70) "<u>[God] chose</u> David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds; (71) from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his inheritance. (72) With upright heart he shepherded them and guided them with his skillful hand."

Walk with the Lord

Ask for Counsel

Interpret through an Eternal Lens

Take the Less Travelled Path

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Do I tend to rush ahead of God living according to my own desires, or do I wait upon God? (Gen. 16:1-5, 21:10-11; Is. 40:31)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)