

# The Destiny was in the Detour

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Recap 1 Samuel 8:19-22 When Tendencies take over- God will let you do what you want, but it's not always good for you. They want a King- and someone has to be king-

**-How I met my wife-** Plan-Bethany BC detour-NLBC

I want to talk to you today about

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### 1 Samuel 9:1-14 Lost Donkeys

Dad says Go find them- First lesson in the story is about obedience to the Father- Saul simply did what he was asked to do without complaining. *When you're like this, you will find favor with the Boss-*

Saul's going to find out that this trip wasn't about the donkeys- It was about divine positioning.

God was using the search for lost donkeys to get him to his destiny

You might feel like Saul today- wandering around and feeling a little lost- But

If you are putting God first, you are NOT lost.

He knows right where you need to be. Just one more step.

**Vs. 5** Let's go back home- Dad's going to worry- But the servant says something that should have happened from the start- Let's go talk to the Man of God about it. In the OT, to hear from God, you typically had to go through the Prophet.

**How often do we do this?** You try to do things on your own at first and then seek God's help when you can't figure it out? The Bible gives us direction in every aspect of life- We need to read it and trust it. *It's only complicated because we make it complicated.*

No verse that says "Try it on your own then ask God for help"

*"Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33*

Saul wasn't wrong, he was just making harder than it needed to be. There's divine direction in the Word of God & prayer

**Vs. 7- Saul didn't feel entitled-** what can we give him for helping us? His character was revealed by what he said-

Lesson here is simply use what you have. As small as it was, it was all they had, and that meant something.

Saul was willing to give all he had left to find the donkeys for his Dad. Good character trait

**Vs. 15-17** Saul has been wandering around and now is about to find out why- *The hardest part about being in a dark place is when you don't know the Why-* the interesting thing here is that God told the prophet was Saul was about to become before He told Saul- Saul had NO clue about what was going to happen- he was just out looking for donkeys.

You have no clue what God is doing behind your back!

God is doing something in your life even when you can't see it!

### **Vs. 18-21 Saul, you're going to be King**

Divine Timing- God's timing is always perfect-

Divine positioning- The world is like a big chess board and we are His pieces-

Where are you in life right now? My challenge: Do your best where you are, be OK with where God has you on the chess board now, BUT, also be OK and ready for the next move!

Be patient

God is more active in your life than your think-

What did Saul start out looking for? Donkeys- that was his focus, but **IT WAS NEVER ABOUT THE DONKEYS!**

God simply used donkeys to get Saul to where he needed be.

**Saul was looking for Donkeys, and ended up finding a Crown! His destiny was in the detour!**

We get annoyed by the detours, but if you're truly serving God, **Your destiny may very well be found in the detour.**

I want this to give you hope that there **is** a plan for your life and the only one who can derail this is YOU.

**For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. -Jeremiah 29:11**

The Cross