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Who will lead?

The Perils of Inherited Authority

Somewhat ominously for Israel, a nation about to become a monarchy, the first thing we observe is that inherited authority is inherently dangerous for two reasons:

The first is that there is no guarantee that descendants of even the greatest leader will be competent and faithful.

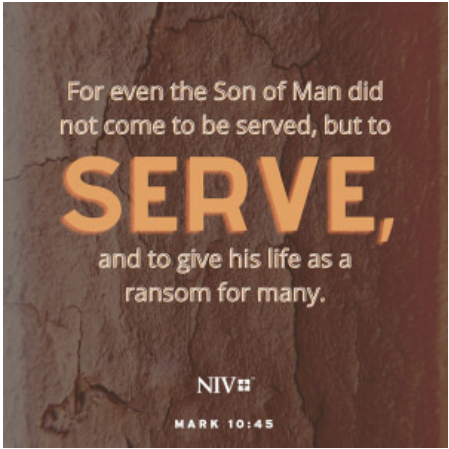
The second is that being born to power is often a corrupting influence itself, resulting all too often either in complaisance or—as the case of Eli’s sons—entitlement. Eli performs his work as a sacred charge from God (1 Samuel 2:25), but his sons see it as a personal possession (1 Samuel 2:14).

The sad history of inherited power in governments, churches, businesses, and other organizations warns us that those who expect to receive power as a right often sense no need to develop the skill, self-discipline, and attitude of service needed to be good leaders. This reality perplexed the Teacher of Ecclesiastes. "I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 2:18-19).

God Calls Samuel to Succeed Eli

If not his scoundrel sons, who would succeed Eli as priest? 1 Samuel 3:1-4 and 1 Samuel 7:3-17 reveal God's plan to raise up young Samuel to succeed Eli. Samuel receives one of the few audible calls from God recorded in the Bible, but notice that this is *not* a call to a type of work or ministry. (Samuel had been serving in the house of the Lord since he was two or three years old, and the choice of occupation had been made by his mother. See 1 Samuel 1:20-28 and 2:18-21.) Nonetheless it is a call to a task, namely to tell Eli that God has decided to punish him and his sons, who are soon to be removed as God’s priests. After fulfilling this calling, Samuel continues to serve under Eli until he is recognized as a prophet in his own right (1 Samuel 4:1) and succeeds Eli after Eli’s death (1 Samuel 4:18). Samuel becomes the leader of God's people, not because of self-serving ambition or a sense of entitlement, but because God had given him a vision (1 Samuel 3:10-14) and the gifts and skills to lead people to carry out that vision (1 Samuel 3:19-4:1).

adapted from *The Calling of Samuel (1 Samuel 1-3)*, theologyofworks.org



We have a commitment, empowered by the Holy Spirit,
To give glory to God
To be unified in reaching others
To be living witnesses for Christ



Welcome to the
Palm Springs Church of Christ

You are always welcome at our worship services. May God bless you today and strengthen you inwardly to meet the challenges of the week ahead.

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. (Ephesians 6:18)”

Pray for our Church family:
Please keep Byron in your prayers as he continues to suffer from chronic headaches. We also ask that you continue to pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Kerry Britton, Lynette Brink, Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Wanda Goodenough, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy McDonald, Jeff Mercer, Jerry Munn, Dail Paramore, and Francis Pati.

Pray for family & friends:
Pray for Kathy’s niece Shyanna as she has been diagnosed with Lupus; for Dustin Parker’s dad, Mike who continues to recover from a stroke, for Kerry’s co-worker, George Dagnino who has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and Kathy’s cousin-in-law, Michelle Candelario who is undergoing radiation treatments. Pray for the improved health of: Jim & Mary Ann D’Arcy, Mary Fields, Joy Gabel Filippone, Keith & Lisa Britton, Marjorie Counts, Kathy’s husband Kevin, Derek Fields, Dail’s friends Marie C. and Teddy K.

First responders: Please keep those who are serving their communities in your prayers: Alisha K. (EMT); Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (both MI Patrol Officers); Dr. Janice Massey of N.C.

Military:
Jeff Mercer’s son-in-law Brandon Deusenberry, Glenn Fields, and Kathy’s family T. Burgess and T. Cairo.

Prayer Warriors Corner

Dear Heavenly Father, no matter the circumstances or the problems at hand, help me to be mindful and focus on You today. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Power For Today: Ron Gross; March 24, 2023

Read: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

News:

Potluck: Our last potluck of the season will be today following worship service, please join us for this time of fellowship.

The Community Food Bank: At this time, the most critically needed items are: 1 pound packs of spaghetti and canned pasta sauce. Other non-perishable items such as: small packs of rice and dried beans, Ramen/Cup of Noodles, Rice-A-Roni, canned tomatoes, & canned fruit are also welcome! Your donation is greatly appreciated.

In Search of the Lord’s Way: Watch excellent Bible-based messages every Sunday, 7:30 a.m., on KCWQ, VHF channel 2 or UHF channel 26. Also Available ANY TIME online with You Tube. Just enter: SearchTVMinistry and pick a sermon. <https://youtu.be/FxMzZ6ZKMdQ>

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 2:12-18

Eli’s sons were wicked men; they had no regard for the Lord. Now it was the practice of the priests with the people that whenever anyone offered a sacrifice and while the meat was being boiled, the servant of the priest would come with a three-pronged fork in his hand. He would plunge it into the pan or kettle or caldron or pot, and the priest would take for himself whatever the fork brought up. This is how they treated all the Israelites who came to Shiloh. But even before the fat was burned, the servant of the priest would come and say to the man who was sacrificing, “Give the priest some meat to roast; he won’t accept boiled meat from you, but only raw.” If the man said to him, “Let the fat be burned up first, and then take whatever you want,” the servant would then answer, “No, hand it over now; if you don’t I’ll take it by force.” This sin of the young men was very great in the Lord’s sight, for they were treating the Lord’s offering with contempt. But Samuel was ministering before the Lord - a boy wearing a linen ephod.

Sermon Topic:

“The Call of Samuel”

Birthdays:

Yolanda Britton:	5/3
Kathy Ferrell:	5/4
Stuart Huggins:	5/14

Wedding Anniversaries:

K & K Ferrell:	5/1
K & Y Britton:	5/28

Worship service: Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.

Ladies Bible Class:Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m.
69461 Mipark Drive, Desert Edge

WORSHIP ORDER

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER
166: He’s my King (1-3)
904: Have You Been to Jesus (1,2 & 4)
COMMUNION & OFFERING: Luke 22:19-20
903: There Is Power in the Blood (1,2 & 4)
167: LOS QUE AMAN AL SEÑOR
(869: We’re Marching to Zion)
20: OH JÓVENES VENID
(O Young People Come)
950: Give Me the Bible (1-3)
SERMON
INVITATION
915: Trust and Obey (1,2,3 & 5)
ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING PRAYER

While we continue to have in-person worship service on Sunday mornings, we understand that there are still many of our number that are still not comfortable attending. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you, and that you are truly missed.

God bless us all and our families and loved ones too.

Sermons on line: For the most recent locally recorded sermon, simply go to the Palm Springs Church of Christ webpage and click on the “sermons” category at the top of the page.

<http://www.crenshawchurchofchrist.com>

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