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## Part 3: Conformity

### REVIEW

#### *Biblical Truths From Samuel's Story*

Remember God wants to speak to us.

Remove the noise to hear clearly.

Immerse ourselves in the things of God.

Practice active listening (eyes, ears, mind, and heart)

## The Story

### 1. THE PROBLEM

1 Samuel 8:1-3 (ESV)- When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba. Yet his sons did not walk in his ways but turned aside after gain. They took bribes and perverted justice.

### 2. THE SOLUTION

1 Samuel 8:4-5 (ESV)-Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah 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."

### 3. THE RESPONSE

1 Samuel 8:7 (ESV)-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.

## Truths From Our Story

### 1. There is always going to be a pull to conform

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Romans 12:2 (ESV)-Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

### 2. What our heart is not always best

1 Samuel 8:7 (ESV)-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.

Jeremiah 17:9 (ESV)-The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

Proverbs 28:26 (ESV)-Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom will be delivered.

### 3. God sends a warning to us because he cares

1 Samuel 8:9 (ESV)- Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.

Amos 3:7 (ESV)-For the Lord God does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets.

### 4. God will sometimes give us what we ask for

1 Samuel 8:22 (ESV)- And when Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord. And the Lord said to Samuel, "Obey their voice and make them a king."

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**Here Is The Point:** We must strive to keep God as king of our life!