

# A Change of Perspective

1 Samuel 16:1-13

## Plan B: A king chosen BY Israel (1a)

Israel chose Saul for themselves (1 Samuel 8:18; 12:13)

### Two ways of seeing

Why people liked Saul	Why God rejected Saul
Takes charge	Impatient (1 Samuel 13:8-12)
Decisive	Rash and impulsive (14:24-30, 39, 43-45)
Thinks for himself	Disobedient (15:1-3, 8-9)
Analytical	Rationalized & shifted blame (15:15)
Man of the people	People pleaser (15:24)
Looked impressive	Image conscious (15:25, 30)

## Plan A: A king chosen FOR Israel (1b-13)

God would choose the next king (1b)

Samuel was reluctant, yet obedient (2-5)

God uses different criteria for choosing leaders than we do (6-7)

God often chooses the least likely to accomplish his purposes (11-12)

When God chooses someone, he equips them to be successful (13)

### Two ways of seeing

	Saul	David
Family	Prestige	Humble
Appearance	Tall	Small
Skills	Warrior – Leader	Shepherd – Musician
Heart	Self-centered	God-centered
Conclusion	People's choice	God's choice