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**Topic: The Public Confirmation of Service**

Scripture Text: 1 Samuel 10

1. In our calling to service by the Lord, there will be a personal divine call from God (1 Sam 9) and after which, it will be followed by a public confirmation (1 Sam 10) by the community of believers. In the Church, members are called to serve the Lord and we should experience both personal and public witness.
2. In v.1-8, we learn that God is the source and driver of the public confirmation. God used 3 signs to confirm the calling to Saul that He is in control of the people, place and event. Saul ought to remember his calling through these events as his memorial stones.
3. There will still be oppositions even in God's calling (v.9-13). The people despised Saul who prophesied. Do not give up when oppositions come.
4. There must be a right response to public confirmation. Do not be like Saul who put on false humility (V.14-27). Saul was at first missing at his ordination by Samuel when he knew his calling.
5. The charge by God is very clear for the duties of a king (Duet 17:14-20). The king of Israel is to fear God and read and obey God's laws. Saul has no excuse when he fails in his duty as a king.