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**Topic: The Personal Call of Service**

Scripture Text: 1 Samuel 9

1. The personal call of service is known by the person as he sees God's hand and leading to the call. After the personal call, it will be followed by the public confirmation of the call of service. Others will see his service to be a blessing to all in the Church.
2. In 1 Sam 9, we see the calling of Saul to be the king of Israel. In this particular case, Saul will not succeed in the calling as it was the demand of the people to want a king to be like the world and they wanted it at their own time. We also see the disobedience of Saul in his calling.
3. The lesson we can learn in the call of service is that God calls each one differently and works in circumstances and events to effect His calling. For Saul, it was because he was asked by his father to look for the lost asses.
4. The disappointment of not finding the asses turned out to be God's appointment as Saul met with the prophet Samuel. God already prepared Samuel the day before to tell him to anoint Saul to be the captain of Israel. God is the King of Israel, while Saul should see himself as the "under-king", like an under-shepherd.
5. Samuel told Saul that the calling of God's service is sacred and it is a high calling. But sadly, Saul turned out to be a man after his own heart and despised the calling of God as the king of Israel.