WHEN GOD REIGNS, PEACE REIGNS

1 Samuel 7:2–17

We live in a world that doesn't like kings. We prefer freedom, autonomy, and the right to rule ourselves. We want control—over our choices, our image, our future. But deep down, every one of us serves something. It might be ambition, comfort, fear, or the approval of others, but none of us is truly throne-less. Someone—or something—reigns in our hearts. The question is, who? Israel wrestled with that same question long ago. They had all the signs of religion, all the rituals of devotion, yet they lived as if God's throne were empty. And it cost them dearly. But then, in one remarkable chapter, everything began to change. First Samuel 7 describes a people learning again what it means to live under the rule of the Almighty—and what happens when they finally *let God reign*.

Let God Reign! (He *is* King, after all!)

- Return 7:2–4

- Depend 7:5–11

- Remember 7:12–17