

## **ORDINARY LIVES, EXTRAORDINARY GOD**

1 Samuel 9:1–10:16

We all want clarity in a confusing world—leaders we can trust, plans that make sense, and some sign that God is still in control. But what do we do when everything feels uncertain? When leaders disappoint us, when our own choices go wrong, and when God seems silent? In 1 Samuel 9–10, we meet Saul—an ordinary man from an ordinary family on an ordinary errand—who finds himself caught up in God’s extraordinary plan. Through lost donkeys, chance encounters, and reluctant obedience, we see that God’s purposes are never lost, even when his people are. This passage invites us to trust the quiet, steady hand of God—to rest in his gracious rule when life feels aimless—and to believe that his redemptive work continues through ordinary people and everyday moments.

God’s Hidden Hand

9:1–14

God’s Gracious Rule

9:15–10:8

God’s Enduring Purpose

10:9–16