

## 聖經人物 — 撒母耳

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參考于弟兄 5 月 19 日的主日信息 “『這些人是誰?』(7) — 轉移時代的撒母耳” (<http://www.svca.cc/audio/20130519-01.mp3>), 和 2009 年小組聚會讀 “撒母耳記上” 時, 于弟兄的預查 (<http://www.svca.cc/messages/series/89.html>) 。

### 主日信息大綱

經文: 撒 3:1-4,19-21; 4:1-4,19-22; 7:2-13; 12:19-25; 15:22-23

背誦經文: 15…你們顯在這世代中, 好像明光照耀, 16 將生命的道表明出來…(腓 2:15b-16a)

詩歌: SH 236 “十架下我低頭”; SH255 “一群大能的子民”; H300 “我已經決定”; 其他 “讓你的榮耀降臨”

#### A) 成長在神家極其荒涼、混亂的時代

- 那時以色列中沒有王, 各人任意而行 (士 21: 25, 17: 6, 18: 1, 19: 1)
- 成長的背景: 神家事奉荒涼, 領袖失敗, 約櫃被擄, 榮耀離開以色列, …

#### B) 撒母耳成了被神用來扭轉時代的器皿

- 過了二十年, 以色列全家都傾向耶和華 (撒 7:2b)
- 米斯巴的獻祭與「以便以謝」的見證 (撒 7:5-14)
- 結束荒涼的士師時代, 帶進大衛的國度

#### C) 撒母耳被神重用的原因

##### 1) 自幼到老『信而順服』的態度

- 「我在這裡」和「請說, 僕人敬聽」是撒母耳從小就有的服事態度 (3: 4-16)
- 「撒母耳在耶和華面前漸漸長大…耶和華與人愈發喜愛他」 (2: 21, 26)
- 「聽命勝於獻祭」 (15: 22) 正是他自己一生事奉的寫照。

##### 2) 注重禱告—是聖經中最好的禱告榜樣之一

- 在祂的祭司中有摩西和亞倫、在求告祂名的人中有撒母耳… (詩 99: 6)
- …雖有摩西和撒母耳站在我面前代求、我的心也不顧惜這百姓… (耶 15: 1)

##### 3) 不妥協的使命感

- 一生中最重要使命—『帶領百姓專心歸向神, 單單事奉祂』 (撒 7: 3-4)
- 至於我、斷不停止為你們禱告…我必以善道正路指教你們。 (撒 12: 23)

#### 4) 神親自的肯定和祝福

- “…耶和華與他同在、使他所說的話、一句都不落空…所有的以色列人都知道耶和華立撒母耳為先知。耶和華又在示羅顯現…將自己的話默示撒母耳…” (3: 19-21)
- 全書中經常有神向他顯現，對他說話，指示他將發生之事…的記載

#### 小組查經/回饋大綱

1. 于弟兄主日的信息中提到撒母耳被神重用的原因是

- 自幼到老都“信而順服”的態度；
- 注重禱告（他是聖經中最好的禱告榜樣之一）；
- 不妥協的使命感；
- 神親自的肯定和祝福

在上述每一個點上，撒母耳是如何來預備自己成為一個被神用來扭轉時代的器皿？請至少4位小組成員根據聖經中的記載及信息的筆記來回答。

2. 撒母耳從小就學習順服神，也順服帶領他的人，以致於成為一個被神重用的寶貴器皿。

“聽命勝於獻祭”正是他自己一生事奉的寫照。今天，你我在這一點上的情形如何？請分享你在“順服神”及在神家順服權柄的學習，以及對你屬靈生命帶來的祝福。

3. 請思考我們個人的影響範圍是什麼（例如，在教會小組，服事團隊，父母對於兒女，對於周圍同伴們）？在你目前的影響範圍中，你給你周圍的人帶來了什麼樣的影響力？在今後的日子裡，有什麼具體的行動能夠幫助我們給周圍的人帶來更多積極，正面的影響？

## Bible Figures — Samuel

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Please refer to Pastor Yu's Sunday message on 05/19: "Who Are These People?" (7) - Samuel Who Changed the Era" (<http://www.svca.cc/audio/20130519-01.mp3>), and the Small Group pre-study materials for 1 Samuel provided by Pastor Yu on 2009 (<http://www.svca.cc/messages/series/89.html>) .

### Sunday message outline

**Scriptures:** 1 Samuel 3:1-4,19-21; 4:1-4, 19-22; 7:2-13; 12:19-25; 15:22-23

**Memory Verse:** 15 ...among whom you shine as lights in the world, 16 holding fast the word of life... (Philippians 2:15b-16a)

**Hymnary:** SH 236 "Neath the Cross"; SH255 "For I'm Building A People of Power"; H300 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"; Other "Let Your Glory Fall"

### A) Growing up in an era where God's house was desolate and full of confusion

- In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes. (Judges 21:25, 17: 6, 18: 1, 19: 1)
- Childhood background: Desolate service in God's house, failure of leaders, captivity of the Ark of the Covenant, departure of God's glory from Israel...

### B) Samuel became a vessel used by God to change the era

- It was there twenty years. And all the house of Israel lamented after the Lord. (1 Samuel 7:2b)
- The offering at Mizpah and the testimony of "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:5-14)
- Finished the desolate time of judges and ushered in the kingdom of David

### C) Reasons why Samuel was greatly used by God

#### 1) Attitude of "trust and obey" from days of youth to elderly

- "Here I am!" and "Speak, for Your servant hears" were the servant attitudes of Samuel since he was young (3: 4-16)
- "Samuel grew before the Lord... and in favor both with the Lord and men." (2: 21, 26)
- "To obey is better than sacrifice" (15: 22) is the portrayal of his life ministry

#### 2) Take prayer seriously—one of the best role models for prayer in the Bible

- Moses and Aaron were among His priests, and Samuel was among those who called upon His name... (Psalms 99:6)
- ...Even if Moses and Samuel stood before Me, My mind would not be favorable toward this people... (Jeremiah 15:1)

### 3) Uncompromising sense of mission

- The most important mission in life - “Prepare people’s hearts for the Lord, and serve Him only” (1 Samuel 7:3-4)
- ...as for me, far be it from me that I should... cease to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way. (1 Samuel 12:23)

### 4) Confirmation and blessings from God Himself

- ...Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground... And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel had been established as a prophet of the Lord... Then the Lord appeared again in Shiloh... revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the Lord. (3: 19-21)
- In the whole book there were many instances where God revealed Himself to Samuel, spoke to him and showed him the things to come

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## Small Group Meeting Outline

1. It was mentioned by Pastor Yu in his Sunday message that Samuel was greatly used by God for the following reasons:
  - Attitude of “trust and obey” from days of youth to elderly
  - Take prayer seriously (one of the best role models for prayer in the Bible)
  - Uncompromising sense of mission
  - Confirmation and blessings from God Himself

In each of the above aspects, how did Samuel prepare himself to be used by God as a vessel to change the era? Please share according to scripture and the Sunday message.

2. Even in his early days, Samuel learned to be so obedient not only to God, but also to his leader, that he could be used by God as a precious vessel. “To obey is better than sacrifice” is the portrayal of his life ministry. What is your current situation on “obedience”? Please share your experiences on “obeying God” and “obeying your authority in God’s house”, and how this attitude has brought blessings to your spiritual life.
3. What is your influential scope (such as in small group, service group, family, and among peers)? In your current influential scope, what kind of influence do you bring to people around you? How can you grow more to bring more positive impact to people around you in the future?