



## A FALLEN KING

# January Series 2026

### Series Overview

This series walks through Israel's transition from judges to kings, highlighting how trust and obedience to God set His people apart from the world. From Israel's desire to look like other nations to Saul's failures of self-reliance and incomplete obedience, we see that God cares most about the condition of our hearts. Ultimately, God chooses David—not for his outward appearance, but for his heart—and calls us to become more like Jesus, serving others in humility.

### Week One: All the Other Nations

- **Main Scripture:** 1 Samuel 8:1-21
- **Bottom Line:** When we trust Jesus, we won't desire to look like the world.

### Week Two: What Have You Done?

- **Main Scripture:** 1 Samuel 13:6-9
- **Bottom Line:** Depending on ourselves will always lead to failure.

### Week Three: To Obey Is Better

- **Main Scripture:** 1 Samuel 15:1-3, 7-9, 10-15, 22-23
- **Bottom Line:** Our obedience to God must be complete.

### Week Four: The Lord Sees the Heart

- **Main Scripture:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Isaiah 53:2-4
- **Bottom Line:** God cares about the condition of our hearts.

### Week Five: The Lord Is With Him

- **Main Scripture:** 1 Samuel 16:14-23
- **Bottom Line:** Becoming more like Jesus will lead us to serve others in humility.

The Lord has made the heavens his throne; from  
there he rules over everything.

**Psalms 103:19**

# UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

January Plus Night: We're going to celebrate everyone's birthday for the whole year! Everyone is invited to our Birthday Bash Plus Night!

The Weekend: Keep an eye out for our biggest weekend at the church of the year! More information will be out soon!

2026 Calendar: Make sure to grab our new 2026 calendar for all of the upcoming events throughout the year!



## MORNING TIME

*This is a great time to say something like, "You got this! I know God is with you," to encourage them to know you and God are for them!*



## MEAL TIME

*At a meal this week, talk about what they are learning about what it means to obey God.*



## DRIVE TIME

*Car time is a great time share personal stories. Share how you have seen God prove to you He cares about the heart more than the outward appearance.*



## BED TIME

*Pray with and for your student to remain obedient and faithful to God, with a heart to serve others like Jesus.*

## Resources

*Check out our Parent Talks Podcast! This podcast is designed to equip and empower you as parents to lead well in your home and engage with your kids and students. Episodes release every Sunday on Spotify, Apple, and YouTube.*

*The Fairhaven App has daily devotions for every day of the year! This is a great and simple way to Seek God Daily.*