

# Rise Up: Bringing Leaders to Life

## Week 4: Sunday, April 2 – Samuel

**Samuel was a miracle baby**

**Samuel's calling was unmistakable**

**1 Samuel 3:10** - *And the Lord came and called as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel replied, "Speak, your servant is listening."*

**Samuel became the mouthpiece of God**

**1 Samuel 3:11-14** - *<sup>11</sup> Then the Lord said to Samuel, "I am about to do a shocking thing in Israel. <sup>12</sup> I am going to carry out all my threats against Eli and his family, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup> I have warned him that judgment is coming upon his family forever, because his sons are blaspheming God and he hasn't disciplined them. <sup>14</sup> So I have vowed that the sins of Eli and his sons will never be forgiven by sacrifices or offerings."*

**1 Samuel 3:19-20** - *<sup>19</sup> As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him, and everything Samuel said proved to be reliable. <sup>20</sup> And all Israel, from Dan in the north to Beersheba in the south, knew that Samuel was confirmed as a prophet of the Lord.*

**The Lord's authority rested on Samuel**

**1 Samuel 7:3-4** - *<sup>3</sup> Then Samuel said to all the people of Israel, "If you want to return to the Lord with all your hearts, get rid of your foreign gods and your images of Ashtoreth. Turn your hearts to the Lord and obey him alone; then he will rescue you from the Philistines." <sup>4</sup> So the Israelites got rid of their images of Baal and Ashtoreth and worshiped only the Lord.*

**1 Samuel 7:13** - *And throughout Samuel's lifetime, the Lord's powerful hand was raised against the Philistines.*

**1 Samuel 8:1-9** - *<sup>1</sup> As Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons to be judges over Israel. <sup>2</sup> Joel and Abijah, his oldest sons, held court in Beersheba. <sup>3</sup> But they were not like their father, for they were greedy for money. They accepted bribes and perverted justice.*

*<sup>4</sup> Finally, all the elders of Israel met at Ramah to discuss the matter with Samuel. <sup>5</sup> "Look," they told him, "you are now old, and your sons are not like you. Give us a king to judge us like all the other nations have."*

*<sup>6</sup> Samuel was displeased with their request and went to the Lord for guidance. <sup>7</sup> "Do everything they say to you," the Lord replied, "for they are rejecting me, not you. They don't want me to be their king any longer. <sup>8</sup> Ever since I brought them from Egypt they have continually abandoned me and followed other gods. And now they are giving you the same treatment. <sup>9</sup> Do as they ask, but solemnly warn them about the way a king will reign over them."*

Age of Child	Hours per day available	Age of Child	Available Time Used Up
2	14	2	33.3%
4	10	4	57.8%
6	6	6	73.3%
8	4	8	83.3%
10	3	10	92.2%
12	2	12	95.6%
14	1	14	97.8%
16	1	16	99.4%
18	0.5	18	100.0%

## Influence vs. Authority



