



SEEK FIRST

Matthew 6:33









KISSCARTOON



1 Samuel 8:1-10, 19-22

“In those days there was no king in Israel;
everyone did whatever seemed right to them.”

-Judges 25:21

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- They desire control.

They are rejecting the
Kingship of God in their lives.

We want to feel **safe**. We want to feel **settled**.
We want immediate **results**. We want to
keep up. We want to be **in control**.

“First Alliance is kind of in a 1 Samuel 8 place right now.”

-Olivia Whitten

FAC CURRENT STATE

- Under some pressure.
- Facing some unknowns and uncertainty.
- Experiencing some adversity.
- Yet to choose a leader for the future.

Which king am I submitting to?

The king I'm submitting to is information.

We are informationally obese.

Information can feel like peace.

Knowing more isn't the
same thing as trusting more.

“A.I. is always available. God is always present. **Those are not the same thing.** A.I. answers every question instantly. God often doesn't answer at all. That gap is about to become one of the biggest discipleship challenges the church has ever faced. Increasingly, people will expect God to respond the way A.I. does – fast, clear, conversational, and worst of all, predictable. So when the real God doesn't respond that way, they'll assume something is wrong – with God, with church, with the pastor, or with themselves. **A predictable "god" isn't God. It's a product. God is faithful even when He isn't fast.**”

–Carey Nieuwhof

Israel left God entirely out of the equation.
For FAC, history should not repeat itself.

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“Idolatry always involves an exchange. It is a magician’s act in which the holy is traded for the profane. The unique for the common. The transcendent for the earthly. The Creator for the creature. Exchanging the truth about God for a lie, as Paul puts it, leads to creaturely worship, glorying in a made thing (Rom. 1:25).”

-Holier Than Thou, Jackie Hill Perry

The Gospel begins with the
recognition that **I am not the King.**

Which king am I submitting to?



Seek First *throughout the week.*

A KING is coming.

“So clap your hands, all you peoples; For the Lord, the Most High, is awe-inspiring, a great King over the whole earth. Sing praise to God; sing praise to our King, sing praise! God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.”

– Psalm 47:1-2, 6, 8