

## Not Like the Others 1 Samuel 8

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### 1. The Israelites demand a king. (1-5)

***“Now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have.”*** 1 Samuel 8:5

**It was a popular request.**

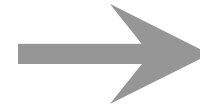
- **They were out of step with the world.**
- **They were afraid of the other nations.**

**The demand comes from a desire to be like “all the other nations.”**

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### 2. Samuel huddles with Yahweh. (6-9)

- **Don’t take it personally.**
- **Don’t be surprised.**
- **Don’t oppose them.**



### 3. Samuel warns the people. (10-18)

- **A king will enslave you.**
- **A king will pursue personal wealth and glory.**
- **A king will oppress you.**

### 4. The people still demand a king. (19-20)

- **To lead them into battle.**
- **To be like the other nations.**

### 5. Samuel huddles with Yahweh. (21-22)

**“Give them a king!”**

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**WHY?? Why would the Israelites reject their God and demand an earthly king?**

**The Israelites desperately wanted to be like “all the other nations.”**

- **The pressure to conform is powerful.**
- **Our calling as Christians includes a ‘non-conforming clause’.**

***Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*** Romans. 12:2

**In becoming like all the other nations, the Israelites rejected God.**

- **God does not stop us from rejectir .**
- **What the rest of the world offers is an illusion.**

**We are invited to be His children.  
Divinely loved, uniquely blessed.  
Why would we give that up to be like  
the rest of the world?**

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**Things to Think About**

**When was the last time you let someone conform you to their lifestyle?**

**What is at the heart of wanting to be like everyone else?**

**When others look at you and the way you live your life, what are you hoping they see?**

**How big an issue is ‘fear of what others might think’ for you? How do you plan to deal with this fear?**

**When you try to share the good news of Jesus with others and they don’t accept it, how does that make you feel? Do you take it personally?**

**Pursuing the things of this world (rather than God) will lead to enslavement and oppression. Agree? Disagree? Why?**

**In what areas of your life are you following the world and rejecting God?**

**Why would you want to be like the rest of the world when you can be a child of the King?**