

Insecurities Ruin Destinies

Message Handout

1 Samuel 9:1–2 (NLT) — **1** There was a **wealthy, influential man named Kish** from the tribe of Benjamin. He was the son of Abiel, son of Zeror, son of Becorath, son of Aphiah, of the tribe of Benjamin. **2 His son Saul was the most handsome man in Israel—head and shoulders taller than anyone else in the land.**

Symptoms of an insecure person:

1. Origin Blamer

1. **1 Samuel 9:20–21 (NLT)** — **20** And don't worry about those donkeys that were lost three days ago, for they have been found. **And I am here to tell you that you and your family are the focus of all Israel's hopes.** **21** Saul replied, **"But I'm only from the tribe of Benjamin, the smallest tribe in Israel, and my family is the least important of all the families of that tribe! Why are you talking like this to me?"**

2. Opportunity Misser

1. **1 Samuel 10:20–23 (NLT)** — **20** So Samuel brought all the tribes of Israel before the LORD, and the tribe of Benjamin was chosen by lot. **21** Then he brought each family of the tribe of Benjamin before the LORD, and the family of the Matrites was chosen. And finally Saul son of Kish was chosen from among them. **But when they looked for him, he had disappeared! 22 So they asked the LORD, "Where is he?" And the LORD replied, "He is hiding among the baggage."** **23** So they found him and brought him out, and he stood head and shoulders above anyone else.

3. Abandonment Fearer

1. **1 Samuel 13:8–11 (NLT)** — **8** Saul waited there seven days for Samuel, as Samuel had instructed him earlier, but Samuel still didn't come. **Saul realized that his troops were rapidly slipping away.** **9** So he demanded, "Bring me the burnt offering and the peace offerings!" And Saul sacrificed the burnt offering himself. **10** Just as Saul was finishing with the burnt offering, Samuel arrived. Saul went out to meet and welcome him, **11** but Samuel said, "What is this you have done?" Saul replied, **"I saw my men scattering from me, and you didn't arrive when you said you would,** and the Philistines are at Micmash ready for battle.

4. People Pleaser

1. **1 Samuel 15:24 (NLT)** — **24** Then Saul admitted to Samuel, "Yes, I have sinned. I have disobeyed your instructions and the LORD's command, **for I was afraid of the people and did**

what they demanded.

5. Jealous Watcher

1. **1 Samuel 18:8–9 (NLT)** — **8** This made Saul very angry. “What’s this?” he said. “They credit David with ten thousands and me with only thousands. Next they’ll be making him their king!” **9** So from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David.

6. Paranoid Psycho

1. **1 Samuel 22:7–8 (NLT)** — **7** “Listen here, you men of Benjamin!” Saul shouted to his officers when he heard the news. “Has that son of Jesse promised every one of you fields and vineyards? Has he promised to make you all generals and captains in his army? **8** Is that why you have conspired against me? For not one of you told me when my own son made a solemn pact with the son of Jesse. You’re not even sorry for me. Think of it! My own son—encouraging him to kill me, as he is trying to do this very day!”

7. Desperate Controller

1. **1 Samuel 28:6–7 (NLT)** — **6** He asked the LORD what he should do, but the LORD refused to answer him, either by dreams or by sacred lots or by the prophets. **7** Saul then said to his advisers, “Find a woman who is a medium, so I can go and ask her what to do.” His advisers replied, “There is a medium at Endor.”