

1 Samuel 1:1-20 - Does God Care?

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Welcome to CrossWinds Church. My name is Kurt. I am one of the pastors. It was good for us to sing together about Jesus. Now turn to the Word of God to study Jesus. If you are new, you came at the right time. Today, we start a new book of the Bible. It is the book of 1 Samuel in the Old Testament. Turn to the book of 1 Samuel either in your paper Bible or phone Bible. While you are finding that book, let's talk about the topic of leadership.

Leadership is an important topic in today's world. Today, there is a lot of cynicism expressed by people toward our elected leaders, especially from the media. While we may be cynical toward our leaders, that doesn't change the power of elected leaders. The decisions made by our government leaders touch our lives at every level. For example, if you were in California right now, you would be forced to wear a mask based on the decision of the governor.

We decide what is important to us based on leaders we admire. We also decide what we don't like based on the choices of leaders we don't like.

While all of us can think of leaders over us that we admire and leaders over us we don't like, none of us can escape the fact that we are leaders. At work, chances are you are a leader over other workers. Even if you are a stay-at-home mother, you are a leader over your children. All of us are not just influenced by the decisions of leaders, but each of us is a leader in our sphere of influence.

The questions each of us should be asking are, "What kind of a leader am I?" And "What kind of leader do I need?"

This brings us back to the book of 1 Samuel. 1 Samuel is a book about leadership. This is a different kind of leadership book than you will find on Amazon, but it is a book about leadership, just written in a way we might not expect. Let me give you some background to this book so you can see why it is about leadership.

Background - Israel was having a leadership crisis.

1 and 2 Samuel were originally one book, so even though they are divided in our Bible, that is only because of the book's length. They belong together. In these books, we find the story of three great leaders of the nation of Israel during a time when the nation was experiencing a massive leadership crisis.

The three leaders in these books are Samuel --- whose story begins in 1 Samuel, Saul --- the first king of Israel who will appear in 1 Samuel 9 and whose death happens at the end of 1 Samuel, and David --- Israel's second and greatest king. David will enter the story in 1 Samuel 16 but won't assume the kingship until the early chapters of 2 Samuel.

Let me briefly set the scene. The book of 1 Samuel begins 3,000 years ago. The date was around 1050 B.C. It was a time when the question of leadership was very much in the air for the small and relatively young nation of Israel.

Israel had experienced about 200-300 years of extraordinary social upheaval. The entire nation was on the verge of anarchy. These were the years after the Israelites came into the land of Canaan under the leadership of Joshua. It was a time when they had no formal government. They were a theocracy. That is a nation ruled by God. The problem was the people kept wandering away from

God and following the practices and worship of their pagan neighbors. When they did that, God allowed them to be oppressed by a godless nation around them. After they suffered, they repented and called out to God. God raised up a judge who would liberate them. Their repentance didn't last long. After being saved by God, in no time at all they began wandering away from God. The cycle repeated itself. God sent another nation to oppress them. They repented and God raised up another judge to lead them to freedom. They were saved by God but in no time at all their hearts wandered away again. This cycle kept repeating itself. The book of Judges, which describes this time in Israel's history, concludes with this summary statement.

In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes. Judges 21:25 (ESV)

Maybe a way to picture Israel at this time is that it was a little like Somalia. Somalians have no government so the people are ruled by warlords and the survival of the fittest.

The people of Israel were not doing a good job of following God. Israel needed leadership. What kind of leadership did this troubled society need? Israel was different from other nations. The Israelites were not just any people. They were God's people. God was in charge. In addition, in Genesis 12, God promised Abraham that he would make him into a great nation and through Israel God would bless the world. So the question of leadership had a particular spin to it for ancient Israel. It was, "What kind of leader do God's people need?" That is the question that hangs in the air as 1 Samuel begins.

1 Samuel is not just about the answer to the leadership crisis in the nation of Israel in 1050 B.C. We will see it also contains the answer to the leadership crisis we are experiencing today. But let's not get ahead of ourselves.

As 1 Samuel begins, it introduces us to an obscure ordinary family that will have an important role to play in God's answer to the leadership crisis of the nation.

There was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim of the hill country of Ephraim whose name was Elkanah the son of Jeroham, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Zuph, an Ephrathite. He had two wives. The name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other, Peninnah. And Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. Now this man used to go up year by year from his city to worship and to sacrifice to the Lord of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the Lord. On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters. But to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. And her rival used to provoke her grievously to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year. As often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. And Elkanah, her husband, said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? And why do you not eat? And why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?" After they had eaten and drunk in Shiloh, Hannah rose. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly. And she vowed a vow and said, "O Lord of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head." As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved, and her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli took her to be a drunken woman. And Eli said to her, "How long will you go on being drunk? Put your wine away from you." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman troubled in spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for all along I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your eyes." Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad. They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered her. And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she

called his name Samuel, for she said, "I have asked for him from the Lord." 1 Samuel 1:1–20 (ESV)

Let's walk our way through these verses and learn what is happening.

God's answer to the anarchy of life came from an unexpected place.

There was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim of the hill country of Ephraim whose name was Elkanah the son of Jeroham, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Zuph, an Ephrathite. 1 Samuel 1:1 (ESV)

The first verse of 1 Samuel is similar to the beginning of other Old Testament books. It introduces us to the names of people and places that mean nothing to us. There is no reason for the names of these people to grab our attention. As we will see, that is the point.

Elkanah's city and ancestors were insignificant.

Elkanah comes from Ramathaim-zophim (or Ramah for short). This is not a town of great importance in the Old Testament, at least not at this point in the biblical story. It was an obscure town in the hills of Ephraim. Elkanah's family connections were not striking. Jeroham --- his father, Elihu --- his grandfather, Tohu --- his great-grandfather, and his great-great-grandfather Zuph were all relatively insignificant and obscure people. What we learn is Elkanah was a nobody in the land of Israel. He didn't come from a special family with any notoriety.

There is one thing notable about Elkanah and at least his great-great-grandfather. They were described as Ephrathites. That is another name for Bethlehem. As we know from the Christmas story and later in the Old Testament story, Bethlehem would be put on the map by some famous births. First, King

David would be born in Bethlehem, then Jesus would be born in Bethlehem. That is later in the book. Let's not rush ahead of the story.

I think there is a little lesson for us in this opening verse. The very obscurity of the names, places, and people should strike us. Elkanah and his family were nobodies. This is a hint at a theme that will be developed in this book. The solution to Israel's leadership crisis would not be found in expected places with famous people. God sent the solution to the leadership crisis from ordinary people who came from ordinary places. That is not true just for Israel's leadership crisis in 1050 B.C. but it is also true for us. Jesus, the solution to the ultimate leadership crisis in the world, came from an ordinary family and an ordinary town, the town of Bethlehem. More on that later in our story.

Elkanah's family life was a mess.

He had two wives. The name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other, Peninnah. And Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. 1 Samuel 1:2 (ESV)

After meeting Elkanah, an obscure man, we meet his family and learn that he lived in a hurting home. Apparently, Hannah was Elkanah's first wife. They suffered the common problem of not being able to bear children, so Elkanah took a second wife to solve the problem.

This brings us to the practice of polygamy in the Old Testament. Just so you know, polygamy was not the norm for most men in the Old Testament. The book of Genesis makes it clear in Genesis 2:24 that marriage was to be one man and one woman. That was God's plan from the beginning. Jesus reaffirmed that marriage was to be between one man and one woman in Matthew 19:5.

Monogamy was clearly what God planned at the time of creation and what Jesus

reaffirmed in the New Testament. Nevertheless, from time to time in the Old Testament, we see men taking multiple wives. That was not something God recommended or endorsed.

I know some of you guys think multiple wives would be a great idea but every time the Bible shows us families with more than one wife, we see a family filled with conflict and pain, not happiness. Before you guys get the idea that multiple wives are a good idea, realize those families are always a mess because that is not what God intended. That is what happened in Elkanah's home.

So Elkanah married Peninnah to bear children so he would have an heir, even though he loved Hannah. Think of the emotional politics this led to in the home as these women worked in the same kitchen. Elkanah clearly loved Hannah and she was at the center of his heart, but she couldn't bear him any children. Peninnah gave Elkanah lots of children, but he still loved Hannah more than her. Can you imagine the emotional hatred between these women?

When we hear about a woman who could not bear children, we should remember this is not the first time we see this in the Bible. When a woman can't bear a child, it usually means God is up to something special.

Sarah couldn't bear a child for Abraham so Abraham took a second wife named Hagar. That was not a happy home. A second wife to produce children produced bitter rivalry between Sarah and Hagar. God eventually kept his promise to Sarah and she bore Isaac. Isaac's wife, Rebekah, also had trouble conceiving. Isaac prayed for her and she conceived Jacob and Esau. Jacob's wife, Rachel, also had trouble conceiving. God listened to her and opened her

womb. She gave birth to Joseph who saved many lives in Egypt as well as his family during a famine. Recently, during the period of the Judges, another woman couldn't conceive. She was visited by an angel and gave birth to Samson who was a judge and God's answer to the crisis of that day. So as we look at this and see a woman who can't conceive, we know God is up to something special. But if you were Hannah, would that make you feel any better? Absolutely not! She was desperate for a baby!

God began his rescue for the people of Israel who were living in anarchy with a heartbroken, childless woman who came from an ordinary family in Bethlehem. God's ultimate answer to the problem of anarchy in the world, the question of who can lead us to safety in our lives also came from Bethlehem. It came from an ordinary, nameless young woman who wasn't barren. She was a virgin. God sent his son through her to save us from the anarchy of our sin and be the leader we can trust and the leader we desperately need. We will see more of this as we get further into the story. Right now, we are only two verses into the book!

God hasn't forgotten us. He cares about us.

From the question of what kind of leader we need, we go a little deeper into the story and the question becomes, "Does God care about my problems, about my pain?" Not just did God care about Hannah and her broken life, but did God care about Israel and its broken nation? Does God care about us? Let's find out.

Elkanah was a faithful, godly man.

Now this man used to go up year by year from his city to worship and to sacrifice to the Lord of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the Lord. On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters. But to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. 1 Samuel 1:3–5 (ESV)

Shiloh was located about 15 miles north of Elkanah's town, Ramah. It was the place where almost 300 years earlier the Israelites had entered the land of Canaan in the days of Joshua. The tabernacle was set up there, so it became an important location for Israel's life. At this time, the priest in charge of Shiloh was Eli. His sons were Hophni and Phinehas. We will hear more about them in the upcoming chapter, but for now, just know they were a parent's worse nightmare.

Every year, Elkanah went up to Shiloh to worship the Lord and to offer sacrifices. Our first impressions of Elkanah are that he was a man who took the Lord seriously and was attentive to his responsibilities before God. Elkanah was a man of faith in God who worshipped God in a way that was faithful and appropriate for his time.

His faithfulness in worship seemed to be matched by the faithful and loving way he treated both of his wives. After the fellowship offering, which was a meal they ate before God, Elkanah gave portions of the sacrifice to Peninnah and to all her children. In spite of Hannah being his favorite wife, he did not neglect Peninnah and her children. He looked after them and cared for them.

To Hannah, he gave a double portion because he loved her. Even though she didn't need extra food because she had no children to feed, Elkanah gave her extra food as an act of love. His love for Hannah motivated him to give her

extra. Elkanah did not understand why his deeply loved wife was not able to conceive and why she was suffering this pain but he knew her inability to conceive was because of God. God had closed her womb, even though Elkanah didn't know why. In spite of this part of their life not going the way they planned, Elkanah and Hannah still worshipped and trusted God.

Elkanah also did not get angry at Hannah or become resentful toward her because she had not conceived. He loved her.

Elkanah realized all circumstances that come into our lives, even those that are not welcome, are from God's hand. He is sovereign over everything that happens in our lives. We may not know what God is doing and why he allowed hard times into our lives but we know God has a good plan. That will affect the way we handle our circumstances, especially the unpleasant ones.

Peninnah, Hannah's rival wife, loved to taunt her.

And her rival used to provoke her grievously to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year. As often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. 1 Samuel 1:6–7 (ESV)

From Elkanah, the great husband, we turn to Peninnah, the wicked rival wife. When Elkanah realized the Lord had closed Hannah's womb, he had compassion on her. When Peninnah realized the Lord had closed her womb, she used that to torture her and relentlessly pick on her.

Can you imagine the harsh and piercing words Peninnah spoke to Hannah day after day to make her life miserable?

"What have you to be thankful for Hannah? Why are you coming to worship the Lord? God doesn't love you. He won't even give you a child. God

loves me. Look at all the children I have. Son, don't you feel bad for poor Miss Hannah, she can't have a baby for her husband so your mommy gets to have all the babies for her. Oh, Hannah, I forgot to tell you. I am pregnant again. Your husband is the father! Hannah, God doesn't love you. He loves me so much. Look at all my children."

Hannah was tortured with this kind of talk all the time. No wonder she cried all the time. No wonder she was so heartbroken she couldn't eat. Guys, I told you a second wife doesn't make a happy home!

Elkanah tried to comfort Hannah.

And Elkanah, her husband, said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? And why do you not eat? And why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?" 1 Samuel 1:8 (ESV)

While I commend Elkanah for trying to be a good and understanding husband, how much do you think this helped? He meant well but this didn't take away her pain. She wanted a baby!

In her brokenness, Hannah ran to God, not from him.

After they had eaten and drunk in Shiloh, Hannah rose. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly. 1 Samuel 1:9–10 (ESV)

After they had the fellowship offering at Shiloh, which was a celebratory meal before God, Hannah got up after the meal and went to the temple.

Here we are introduced to Eli. He was the priest, the spiritual leader of God's people. He was sitting beside the doorpost of the temple. We will learn a lot more about Eli in the upcoming weeks. He was a very passive father and a passive man, which is one of the reasons Israel was having such a leadership

crisis. Every time the text tells us about Eli, he is sitting down and doing nothing. Even though he was a priest, he was more of a life-size paperweight.

Hannah was deeply distressed, so she prayed to God and wept. She was heartbroken. She was crying in pain. She was one unhappy woman. What is clear is Hannah understood what the narrator already told us twice. It was the Lord that closed her womb, so she prayed to the Lord for help. If God had closed her womb, he was the only one who could open it.

Remember that God is sovereign over all things in our lives. If God has allowed troubles into the life of his children, he has allowed that for a good reason. When we face those troubles, instead of being angry at God, we should run to God asking for his grace and help in our lives. We must ask him what he is trying to teach us through the hard times. God is always doing something good for us and his kingdom. It may not be an easy thing, but it is always a good thing.

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 (ESV)

Faith in God who is sovereign over all things should lead us to turn to him for help in our trials, not to run from him in anger and disappointment.

If God answered her prayer, Hannah promised to dedicate her son to God for life.

And she vowed a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head." 1 Samuel 1:11 (ESV)

Interestingly, when Hannah asked God to look on her affliction, she was using the same language the Bible uses when talking about the sufferings of God's people when they were in Egypt before the Exodus in the days of Moses.

This was the time when they were forced to make bricks without straw and to throw their male children into the Nile River to watch them drown. At that time, the Israelites called out to God in the midst of their afflictions and God sent them a deliverer; Moses was born.

Hannah was praying the same way. She was asking God to look on her afflictions and deliver her by sending her a baby boy.

She may not have realized it, but just as God sent Moses to deliver the Israelites from their afflictions in Egypt, God was going to send a baby boy named Samuel through the womb of Hannah to not just deliver her from her afflictions but to deliver the nation of Israel from its afflictions as well.

Hannah also made a vow in her prayer. She was not bargaining with God. She said she was only God's servant. She would be so grateful to God for giving her a child, she would dedicate him to God for life.

The vow that is talked about here was a Nazarite vow. That was usually a temporary vow where people set themselves apart for the Lord. They did not cut their hair or touch alcohol or a dead body. Here, this was a different kind of Nazarite vow. It was a permanent Nazarite vow. Earlier in the time of Judges, Samson's parents set him apart with a Nazarite vow for life. Unfortunately, he didn't keep that vow and it did not end well for him.

Hannah poured out her troubles to God in prayer.

As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved, and her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli took her to be a drunken woman. And Eli said to her, "How long will you go on being drunk? Put your wine away from you." 1 Samuel 1:12–14 (ESV)

Eli's inability to tell the difference between a drunk woman and a praying woman brings into question his competence. No wonder Israel had a leadership crisis when the priest of the tabernacle could not tell the difference between a drunk woman and a praying woman!

But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman troubled in spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for all along I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation." 1 Samuel 1:15–16 (ESV)

It is interesting that Hannah said, "Do not mistake me for a worthless woman." Later in 1 Samuel, Hophni and Phinehas would be called worthless men. The very people who ran the tabernacle in Shiloh did not know God. They were worthless men. Hannah, a heartbroken woman, knew the Lord more than they did.

One other thing I should mention is --- I had this written in the margin of my Bible --- Hannah prayed in her heart to God and God heard those prayers. God hearing the prayers of our hearts is a consistent theme we will see in this book. God knows the prayers we say audibly and the ones we say in our spirit. He responds to both! I found this also a great reminder to keep my heart pure before God.

Then Eli answered, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him." 1 Samuel 1:17 (ESV)

Unknown to Eli, he endorsed a prayer that would lead to his own demise. God would not just come to the rescue of Hannah but of Israel. God would grant the Israelites a new leader, a better leader, a godly leader. God plucked lazy Eli and his wicked sons out of leadership and put Hannah's son into leadership over the nation.

Hannah believed she could leave her worries with God because God cared for her.

And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your eyes.” Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad. 1 Samuel 1:18 (ESV)

Hannah’s prayer changed things. It began by changing her. She went away, ate, drank, and was no longer sad. She brought her prayers to God and left them at God’s feet. God had closed her womb. Only God could open her womb. Just as God rescued his people from their afflictions in Egypt, only God can rescue her from her affliction of no children and the mocking of Peninnah.

After she prayed, she left her worries at God’s feet. She knew God cared for her. God loved her. God would respond to her in a way that was good and right. Once God heard her and she knew God cared for her, there was no longer a reason to worry about it.

She embodied what Peter told us to do in our times of stress and pain.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:6–7 (ESV)

How are the stresses you are carrying in your life? What are your afflictions? Maybe you are like Hannah. You desperately want to conceive a child but you can’t get pregnant. Maybe you are tired of being single. You are frustrated because God hasn’t let you meet the right person. Maybe the affliction in your life is your job. You don’t like it but God won’t open the door to another one. Maybe the affliction in your life is your children. Instead of following God, they have rebelled and left God. What is your affliction?

Hannah reminds us we need to know that God cares about us. We need to give those worries to God and leave them at his feet and stop carrying the burden of worry and pain. God loves us. God cares about us. In his good time and in his good way, he will deliver us, even though it may not be in a way we expect.

Paul said it this way.

...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6–7 (ESV)

God answered Hannah's prayer with the birth of Samuel.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered her. And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, "I have asked for him from the Lord." 1 Samuel 1:19–20 (ESV)

When it says the Lord remembered Hannah, that doesn't mean God forgot about her. When the Bible says God remembered someone, that is a way of saying the Lord stepped into action. The Lord remembered Noah in the days of the flood. The Lord remembered Abraham when he destroyed Sodom. The Lord remembered Rachel and she conceived Joseph. The Lord remembered Hannah and she conceived Samuel, the first great leader in this book, the leader that was the answer to the problem of anarchy and chaos in a nation. Next week, we will learn more about Samuel's early years

Conclusion

For the moment, as our story concludes with Samuel and his birth, what does God want us to learn?

We can learn from the example of Elkanah who was a faithful and godly husband.

We might notice the excellent character of Elkanah. He is presented in positive terms. He was a godly man and faithful husband who made the best of a tough home situation. He is a practical model to follow.

We can learn from the example of Hannah who cast all of her anxieties on God and was confident he cared for her.

More than Elkanah, this chapter is about Hannah. From her, we can learn what she did in her distress when life fell apart around her. She prayed. Prayer was not a meaningless thing for Hannah. It was real. She genuinely and passionately poured out the concerns of her heart before God since she knew only God could rescue her. Then she left what happened in God's hands. She didn't worry because she knew God cared for her. God loved her. The same is true for us.

While there is nothing wrong with learning from Elkanah and Hannah this morning --- they are good examples to follow --- but the book of 1 Samuel is not about them.

The main message of the chapter is not just that God cared for Hannah, but that God cares about us. God didn't just rescue Hannah and Israel from their painful troubles on that day by the birth of Samuel. God rescued us from the much greater trouble of our sin by the birth of Jesus.

The purpose of this chapter is not to tell you that if you have problems in your life like Hannah, just pray and God will take them away. I am sure there were many other women in Israel who also prayed about having children and God did not take that problem away.

1 Samuel is a book about God. In this first chapter, 1 Samuel shows us God cared about Hannah and her pain. As this book unfolds, we will see that God didn't just care for Hannah but he cared for the nation of Israel as it wandered from him. More than that, God cares for us. Just as God sent Samuel to deliver Hannah and Israel from their afflictions, God sent Jesus, his own son, to free us from our afflictions, the greatest affliction of all--- sin and death.

While Samuel was the leader born in Bethlehem that God sent to rescue his people who were wandering from God, Jesus is the leader born in Bethlehem that God sent to rescue us from the problem of sin once and for all. Jesus is the king our hearts want. He is the leader we need.

Today, if you don't know Jesus as your leader and your king, would you turn to him before you leave? Would you give your life to him? The reason God sent Jesus, his son, is because God cares for you. He came to save you from the brokenness in your life that came through sin. Trust in Jesus today.



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