



# RAISING SAMUEL

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**HOMME IS**

**ALWAYS**

**FIRST**



“Some millennials resent church because their parents were good at church but not good at life. They struggle attending a place that consumed their parents’ time but never transformed their lives.”

*Lisa Fields, Jude 3 Project*



<sup>1</sup>When Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons as Israel's leaders. <sup>2</sup>The name of his firstborn was Joel and the name of his second was Abijah, and they served at Beersheba. <sup>3</sup>But his sons did not follow his ways. They turned aside after dishonest gain and accepted bribes and perverted justice.

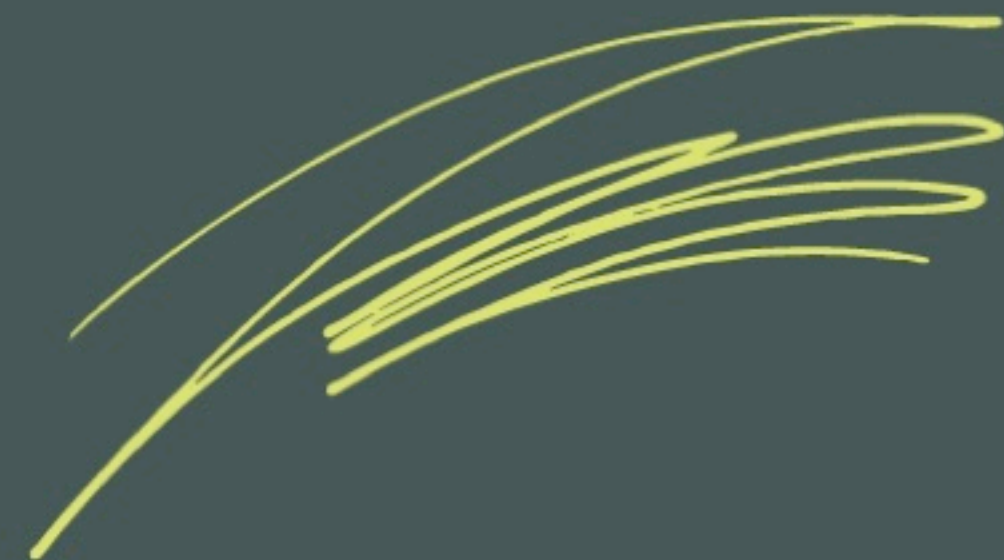
1 Samuel 8:1-6 (NIV)



<sup>4</sup>So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah.

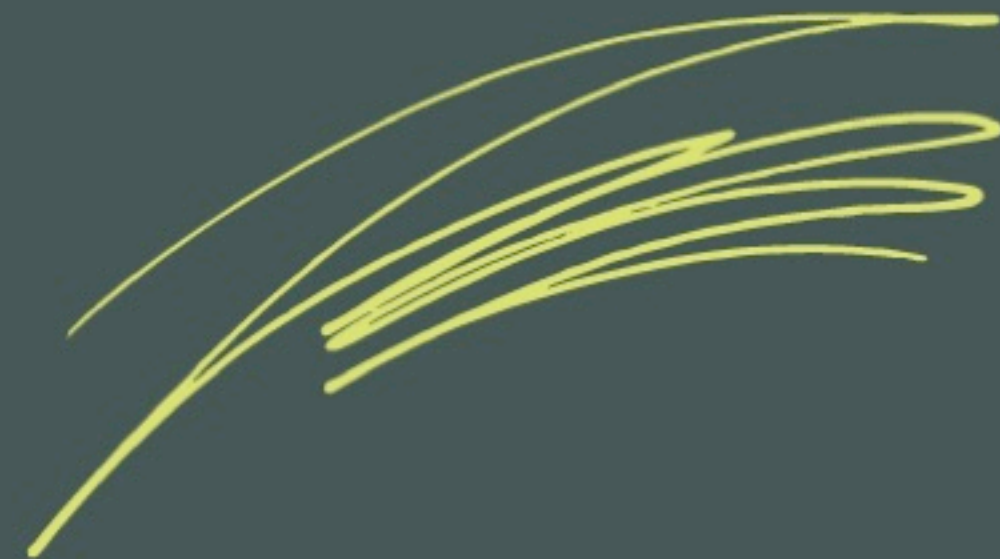
<sup>5</sup>They said to him, “You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have.”

1 Samuel 8:1-6 (NIV)



<sup>6</sup>But when they said, “Give us a king to lead us,” this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the LORD.

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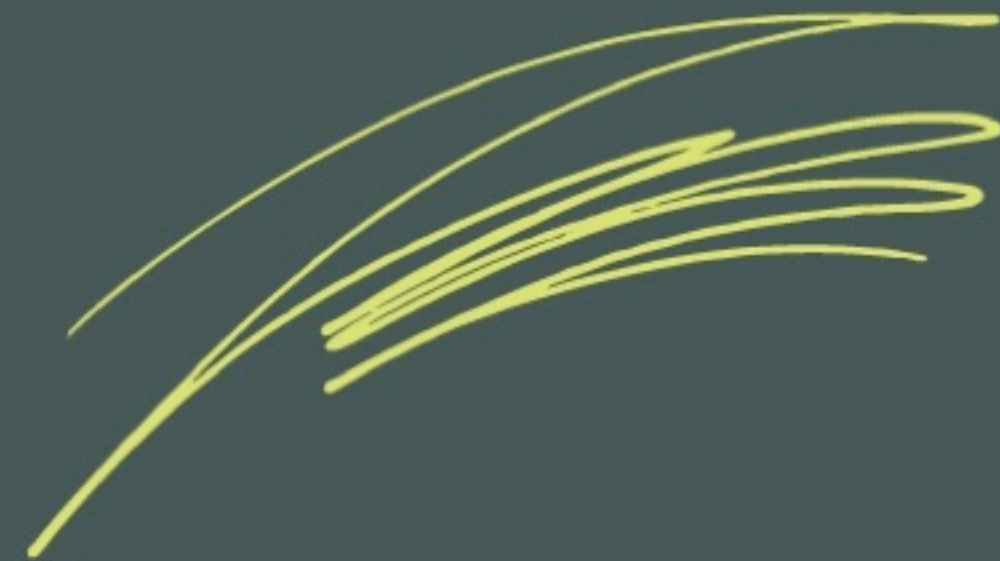




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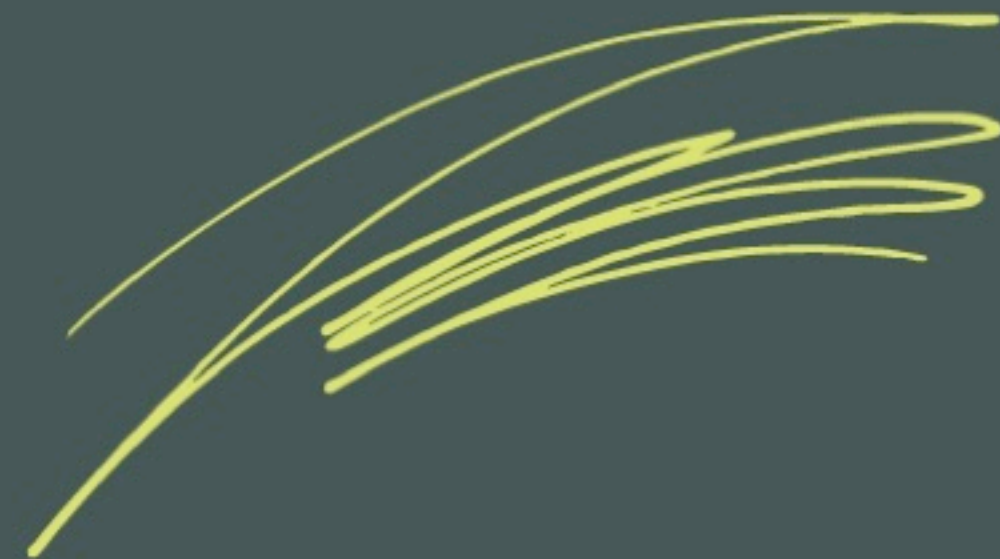
HOME

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# **The Holy Spirit Works in Us in Two Ways So That We Can Serve Effectively:**

1. He Gives Us Fruit for Character
2. He Gives Us Gifts for Service





Our Homes  
Should Be  
Little  
Tabernacles



“A rabbi once commented to me, ‘If every synagogue were to close around the world, Judaism would survive; it would not be destroyed.’ The rabbi explained that every Jew is expected to be knowledgeable about his faith as a layperson.”

*Marvin Wilson, Our Father Abraham*

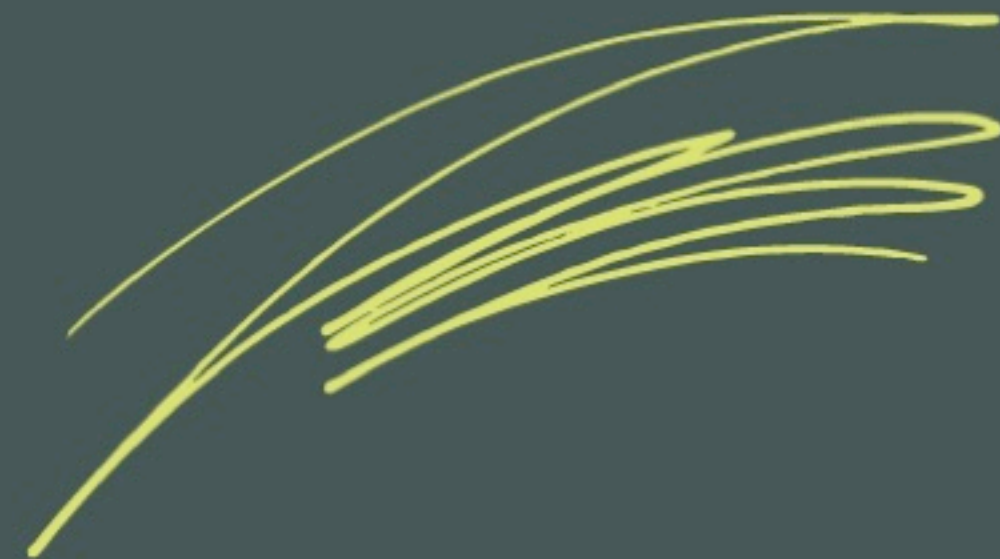


# Shema:

*Recited as a Daily Prayer in Jewish Culture*

<sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup>Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (NIV)



**Our Homes  
Should Be  
Places of  
Peace**



# Shalom Bayit:

“Peace or harmony in the home” in Jewish culture.

A key concept in Jewish marriage, that encourages any practice or behavior that will promote the pursuit of the peace of God in your home.



# Shalom Bayit:


“Compliment, praise or thank your spouse ‘x’ times per day, don’t contradict one another in public, talk things through but also push your powers of acceptance to the limit; don’t make an issue of every annoying little difference of character, preference and habit; be nice to the in-laws but don’t expect very much of them, etc. These are things which may be blindingly obvious to old-timers but can save the marriage of young couples starting out.”

*Rabbi Julian Sinclair, The Jewish Chronicle*



**Our Homes  
Should Be  
Centers of  
Hospitality**






<sup>33</sup>“When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. <sup>34</sup>The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the LORD your God.”

Leviticus 19:33-34 (NIV)





<sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.

Matthew 25:35 (NIV)