Read 1 Samuel 8 With the Complaint and the Cost of the Request Together - working notes

One situation. Clear facts. An honest next step.

Distinguish the misconduct of Samuel's sons, the people's requested remedy and the warning God directs Samuel to give. Examine a proposed remedy without denying the problem that prompted it.

Hypothetical example: A family declines an additional activity because transport is unavailable, then makes a separate plan for the child's unfilled afternoon.

01 Do not erase the wrong named at the beginning

Read the opening misconduct and the elders' actual request.

Misconduct reported

Request made

Stated reason

02 Read the requested remedy and God's judgment

Identify God's judgment without transferring it to a parent.

Samuel's response

Lord's words

Authority distinction

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03 Listen to what the attractive solution will take

List the costs named in Samuel's warning and in one present proposal.

Taking in the warning

Benefit sought today

Who carries the cost

04 Leave the problem answerable after rejecting a remedy

Answer the original concern after deciding about the remedy.

Remedy decision

Concern still requiring an answer

Responsible follow-up