

Your Intersections and Your Destiny

1 Samuel 9:15-20

Introduction

You know you've reached the intersection of destiny when the natural experiences of your life and your unique design connect with the supernatural in such a way that it brings glory to God and benefits others.

In our passage, Saul was chasing donkeys. He was finding himself unable to fulfill his father's wishes and was going to quit. A servant encouraged him to continue his search and seek help from a prophet. That prophet was Samuel. Samuel had been instructed by God to meet a man chasing a donkey and to anoint him king. In this story, the spiritual was brought to bear on an ordinary situation. The natural met the supernatural and resulted in Saul's destiny.

Don't despise your ordinary life experiences. Don't despise your difficulties. All of the situations in your life can lead you right to the place where God wants you to be. The same applies to prophecy in your life (1 Thessalonians 5:20). When somebody speaks to you on God's behalf, take the time to test it out to see if God will confirm the message through His Word or through external circumstances. Their word might be an encouragement to point you in the direction of your destiny.

There are other examples and proofs of intersections in the Bible – 1) Moses' mother put him in a basket and that basket "intersected" with Pharaoh's daughter who then asked Moses' mother to nurse the baby, 2) While tending his sheep, Moses "intersected" with the burning bush, 3) While serving her mother-in-law and gleaning in the field, Ruth "intersected" with Boaz and married into the line of Jesus, the son of God, 4) Ashurareth sleepless nights "intersected" with his meeting with Mordecai and later Mordecai's niece, Esther, participating in the salvation of Israel.

All of the highways of your life – experiences, uniqueness, and other people – can lead you to your destiny. Don't despise any part of your life. God can use it all.

Getting Started

1. *What meetings from earlier in your life did you feel were almost accidental, but their ultimate impact on your life for good or bad turned out to be huge?*
2. *Share something God taught you during your time in His Word this week.*

Let's Get Personal

1. *How does this idea of God-planned intersections affect the way you look at your life up to this point?*
2. *What have been some of the notable intersections in your life up to this point?*
3. *Describe a recent significant intersection with someone. Can you think of any instances when you have been the one to make the impact in someone's life at an intersection?*

Take the Next Step

1. *Read Isaiah 46:9–10 as an important verse to guide our thinking about intersections. Why is God the One we must trust with the intersections in our lives?*
2. *None of us get every decision right. As we are discussing intersections, how are you feeling about the ones you may be dealing with right now?*

Renew Your Mind

"Then it happened when he turned his back to leave Samuel, God changed his heart; and all those signs came about on that day." 1 Samuel 10:9