

# The Big Story: Have It Your Way

## 1 Samuel 8

1. What we want for us is often the same as what God wants for us.
2. The way we want to get there is often what's different.
3. You can go your own way, but it will cost you.
4. When we go our own way, we rarely even get what we paid for.

1. What do you think God want's for you for Christmas?
2. Have you ever been is a position where the you chose to go your own way and found that it ultimately came back to hurt you?
3. Read 1 Samuel 8. Take a minute to the discuss the situation from several different vantage points (Samuel, the Israelites, God, etc.). How did the feelings and concerns of each party differ? How were they similar?
4. How does our society understand the nature of God as he relates to sin? Discuss the text box. Can you give some examples of each bullet aspect of sin?

**SIN**

**Take you further than you're willing to go.**  
**Keep you longer than you're willing to stay.**  
**Make you pay a price you're not willing to pay.**
5. What are some practical ways we can keep the goodness of God on the forefronts of our minds?

*"They have abandoned me--the fountain of living water. And they have dug for themselves cracked cisterns that can hold no water at all." Jeremiah 2:13*