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In 1 Samuel 9 we read that Saul's father sent him to find some runaway donkeys. Taking a servant with him, Saul searched throughout the land until he became discouraged and was ready to give up the hunt. Then his servant told him about the prophet Samuel, who might be able to tell him where the donkeys were.

Samuel was a man of God, a type of the Holy Spirit, who knew the mind of God. He had more on his mind than just direction for Saul because he knew God had chosen Saul to play a part in heaven's eternal purposes!

The first thing Samuel did when Saul arrived was call for a feast (see 1 Samuel 9:19). This is exactly what the Holy Spirit desires of us: sitting at the Lord's table and ministering to Him—having quality time alone, hearing His heart.

Samuel asked Saul to clear his mind so they could commune together (1 Samuel 9:20-25). Samuel was saying, "Don't focus on getting direction now—that's all settled. There is something more important at hand. You must get to know God's heart—His eternal purposes!"

After that night of communion, Samuel asked Saul to send his servant out of the room, so that they could have an intimate, face-to-face conversation (see 1 Samuel 9:27; 10:1).

Do you see what God is saying here? "If you really want to walk in the Spirit—if you really want My anointing—you need to seek more than direction from Me. You need to come into My presence and get to know My heart, My desires! You see, I want to anoint you—to use you in My kingdom!"

Beloved, forget direction—forget everything else for now! Allow the Holy Spirit to teach you the deep, hidden things of God. Stand still in His presence, and let Him show you the very heart of the Lord. This is the walk of the Spirit in the highest form.