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Sermon Series--Sunday School Stories
"Leave It in God's Hands"
1 Samuel 16

"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' 'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them...'" Matthew 13:28-29

v. 1 Samuel finds it hard to move on
v. 2 Saul could cause great trouble for him but God has a plan
v. 3 God tells Samuel to start preparing for a future without Saul
v. 4 Samuel was highly regarded as a prophet
v. 5 true worship requires spiritual discipline
v. 6 Jesse's sons are impressive
v. 7 God reminds Samuel of the weakness of Israel's way of thinking and how they ended up with Saul in the first place
v. 8 not yet...
v. 9 not yet...
v. 10 still not yet...
v. 11 Are we out of options?
v. 12 Finally.....
v. 13 God's Spirit came upon the newly anointed future king
v. 14 Saul is still suffering for his disobedience, and so is Israel
v. 15 God is in control of EVERY BEING
v. 16 Notice that Saul's attendants knew what was happening
v. 17 Saul seeks relief, but not repentance
v. 18 God provides David--and division

Questions to consider:
How long did Saul remain in office after being rejected by God?
Why didn't Samuel do something about him?
Why did God allow Israel to suffer through a disobedient leader?