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**The Problem with Self-Sufficiency**

Hosea 8:1-14

**Three Ways God’s People Relied on Themselves**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ kings without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God.

(Verses 4-6)

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in human \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rather than God.

(Verses 7-10)

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ according to their own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rather than God’s.

(Verses 11-14)

**THE RESULT 🡪** God’s people would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(Verses 1-3, 7a)

**Why Self-Sufficiency Isn’t All It’s Cracked Up to Be**

1. Like a minor wind, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God might seem \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at first, but it can grow into a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hurricane.
2. There will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ be a rock like *the* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Relying on Jesus Today**

1. There’s a world of a difference between human \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and an “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this” attitude.
2. Our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life will always be one of the loudest indicators of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we’re \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on most.

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**The Problem with Self-Sufficiency**

Hosea 8:1-14

**Three Ways God’s People Relied on Themselves**

1. **SETTING UP** kings without **CONSULTING** God.

(Verses 4-6)

1. **TRUSTING** in human **KINGS** rather than God.

(Verses 7-10)

1. **WORSHIPING** according to their own **DESIRES** rather than God’s.

(Verses 11-14)

**THE RESULT 🡪** God’s people would **REAP** what they **SOWED**.

(Verses 1-3, 7a)

**Why Self-Sufficiency Isn’t All It’s Cracked Up to Be**

1. Like a minor wind, **NEGLECTING** God might seem **SMALL** at first, but it can grow into a **DESTRUCTIVE** hurricane.
2. There will **NEVER** be a rock like *the* **ROCK**.

**Relying on Jesus Today**

1. There’s a world of a difference between human **RESPONSIBILITY** and an “**I GOT** this” attitude.
2. Our **PRAYER** life will always be one of the loudest indicators of **WHOM** we’re **RELYING** on most.

**For Further Study**

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**Getting Started**

1. In what ways does Israel express self-sufficiency in Sunday’s text?
2. In what ways have you seen self-sufficiency at work in our culture today? In what ways can self-sufficiency creep into modern churches?

**Digging Deeper**

1. In Psalm 127:1, Solomon sings, “Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.” What does this teach you about the importance of relying on God?
2. Now read Psalm 31:1-5. In what ways does David express his reliance on God through this psalm? What does this teach you?

**Driving It Home**

1. Sunday’s text invited us to consider how a small wind can end up as a catastrophic hurricane. In what ways have you seen the neglect of God, which seems small at the beginning, grow to become something destructive in others’ lives?
2. What steps can you take this week to grow in your reliance on God?