

Message Notes

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The Search for Significance # 5

“Truth or Consequences”

1 Samuel 13—15

I. Review: Saul’s Disobedience

“Go down ahead of me to Gilgal. I will surely come down to you to sacrifice burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, but you must wait Seven days until I come to you and tell you what you are to do.” 1 Samuel 10:8 (NIV)

“He waited seven days, the time set by Samuel. But Samuel had not come to Gilgal, and the troops began to scatter. Then Saul said, “bring me the animals for the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings.” So he sacrificed the burnt offering. As he finished sacrificing the burnt offering, Samuel came, and went to greet him. Samuel asked, “What have you done?” Saul replied... “I saw the troops were scattering. You didn’t come when you said you would...I felt pressured into sacrificing the burnt offering...” “You did a foolish thing,” Samuel told Saul. 1 Samuel 13:8-13 (GWT)

“You didn’t follow the command of the LORD your God. If you had, the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel permanently. But now your kingdom will not last. The LORD has searched for a man after His own heart.” 1 Samuel 13:13-14 (GWT)

Remember:

“Lips that lie are disgusting to the LORD, but honest people are His delight.” Proverbs 12:22 (GWT)

“If you’re honest in small things, you’ll be honest in big things; if you’re a crook in small things, you’ll be a crook in big things.” Luke 16:10 (MES)

“Those who gather wealth by lying are wasting time.” Proverbs 21:6 (GWT)

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding.” Proverbs 3:5 (GWT)

II. Saul Disobeys God _____

“The Lord commanded Saul: “...I will punish Amalek for what they did to Israel. They blocked Israel’s way after the Israelites came from Egypt. Now go and attack Amalek. Claim everything they have for God by destroying it. Don’t spare them...” 1 Samuel 15:1-3 (GWT)

“Saul attacked the Amalekites from Havilah to Shur, east of Egypt...Saul and the army spared King Agag and the best sheep and cows, the fattened animals, the lambs, and all the best property.” 1 Samuel 15:7-9 (GWT)

After the battle, Samuel says to Saul: “What is this sound of sheep in my ears and this sound of cows that I hear... Why didn’t you obey the LORD?”...But I did obey the LORD...the best of the sheep and cows were claimed for God, in order to sacrifice to the LORD your God.” 1 Samuel 15:14;20-21 (GWT)

“Do you think all God wants are sacrifices – empty rituals just for show? He wants you to listen to him! Plain obedience is the thing, not staging a lavish religious production.” 1 Samuel 15:22 (MES)

Think About It: External symbols of worship are meant to be an expression of internal and personal _____ to God in my life.

<u>External Rituals:</u>	<u>Internal Reality:</u>
Communion	_____
Baptism	_____

Romans 6:1

Samuel said to Saul: “Why didn’t you obey the LORD?”
Saul said to Samuel: “But I did obey the Lord!”

Closing Thought:

_____ Life begins when I simply believe in my heart that when Jesus Christ died on the cross He paid for all my sins and did EVERYTHING that God requires for me to go to heaven when I die.
(John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 3:24)

_____ Life begins when I, out of a heart of gratitude, commit myself to obeying Jesus and living for Him and others.
(Matthew 22:37-40)

