

# Message Notes



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## SAUL – THE KING WHO REFUSED TO BOW

*“A tree is best measured when it’s down.”* 19<sup>th</sup> Century Logger’s Proverb  
*“Behold, I have played the fool and have committed a serious error.”* King Saul  
(1 Samuel 26:21)

### Setting the Stage

- The time of the Judges – “God-rule”
- Israel grew tired of God’s rule 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 19-20

*Note: Rejecting God’s Word and Lordship leads to problems and complications today. Like Israel we lose our distinctiveness, direction, and identity as Children of God.*

- Saul – A Great First Impressions 1 Samuel 9:1-2; 1 Samuel 10:6-7, 20-22, 24

### The Turning Point

*Note: Saul’s life begins to unravel almost immediately due to pride, impatience, rebellion, jealousy, and leads to attempted murder and suicide*

- Step One: Saul’s Arrogance at Gilgal 1 Samuel 10:8
- Saul picks a battle with the Philistines 1 Samuel 13:1-7
- Saul – The King Who Refuses To Bow 1 Samuel 13:8-9

### Saul’s Three Major Sins

1. Kings weren’t supposed to offer sacrifices – only the priest
2. Samuel was to give instructions for Lord’s battle plans
3. Saul made the decision to trust himself – rationalization and blame shifting  
1 Samuel 13:10-12

*Note: We often rush ahead of God’s timing and miss the joy and blessing He wants to give.*

- God’s Hand of Blessing Removed 1 Samuel 13:13-14
- Saul’s Arrogance Continues 1 Samuel 13:15
- Jonathan’s Contrast in Leadership 1 Samuel 14:6
- Saul’s Order, Jonathan’s Choice, God’s rescue 1 Samuel 14:24-30, 44, 45

### A Second Occurrence of Saul’s Insubordination - The Amalekites

- Judgment and correction 1 Samuel 15  
1 Samuel 15:22-23

*Note: Don’t miss the contrast between King Saul and the next King, David – ONE was a man after God’s own heart. Yes, David sins grievously, but he lives a life of repentance and forgiveness.*

### Our Savior – Perfect Obedience Frees Us from Our Enemy, Our Sin, and Our Rebellion.

HE empowers us to live under grace as His.

### Timeless Takeaways

1. How you \_\_\_\_\_ is far more important than how you \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is usually a \_\_\_\_\_ of truth so as to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Remain \_\_\_\_\_ – live in daily \_\_\_\_\_ at the foot of the Cross.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ God’s \_\_\_\_\_ and a Life of \_\_\_\_\_.