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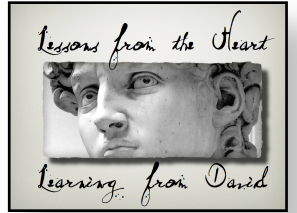


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# SAUL'S DOWNFALL



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## Great Start

<sup>14</sup> Then Samuel said to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship." <sup>15</sup> So all the people went to Gilgal and made Saul king in the presence of the LORD. - 1 Samuel 11:14&15

## 1. Disobedience

Saul choses \_\_\_\_\_ and people-pleasing over \_\_\_\_\_ and obedience.

1Sam. 13:13 "You acted foolishly," Samuel said. "You have not kept the command the LORD your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time.

1Sam. 15:22 But Samuel replied: "Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.

1Sam. 15:24 Then Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned. I violated the LORD's command and your instructions. I was afraid of the people and so I gave in to them.

### "I Played the Fool" - King Saul epitaph?

- What do you think those who survive you will write on your epitaph?
- What words will be used in the eulogy to sum up your life?

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## 2. Distance

**Saul distances himself from his \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ € \_\_\_\_\_.**

1Sam. 15:34-35 Then Samuel left for Ramah, but Saul went up to his home in Gibeah of Saul. <sup>35</sup> Until the day Samuel died, he did not go to see Saul again

1Sam. 18:28-29 When Saul realized that the LORD was with David and <sup>29</sup> Saul became still more afraid of him, and he remained his enemy the rest of his days.

1Sam. 20:30-32 Saul's anger flared up at Jonathan and he said to him, "You son of a perverse and rebellious woman! Don't I know that you have sided with the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of the mother who bore you? <sup>31</sup> As long as the son of Jesse lives on this earth, neither you nor your kingdom will be established. Now send and bring him to me, for he must die!" <sup>32</sup> "Why should he be put to death? What has he done?" Jonathan asked his father.

## 3. Distracted

**Saul's \_\_\_\_\_ of David distracts him  
from his \_\_\_\_\_ before God and  
his people.**

## 4. Desperation

**Saul's act of desperation, only leads to  
further \_\_\_\_\_.**

1Sam. 28:6 He inquired of the LORD, but the LORD did not answer him by dreams or Urim or prophets.

1Sam. 28:15 Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" ¶ "I am in great distress," Saul said. "The Philistines are fighting against me, and God has turned away from me. He no longer answers me, either by prophets or by dreams. So I have called on you to tell me what to do."

## 5. Death

<sup>13</sup> So Saul died because he was unfaithful to the Lord. He failed to obey the Lord's command, and he even consulted a medium <sup>14</sup> instead of asking the Lord for guidance. So the Lord killed him and turned the kingdom over to David son of Jesse. -1 Chronicles 10:13&14

## Take Aways

**1. Careless \_\_\_\_\_ made today can  
be very \_\_\_\_\_ down the road.**

Sow an act and you reap a habit.  
Sow a habit and you reap a character.  
Sow a character and you reap a destiny.

- Charles Reade

Prov. 4:27 Do not swerve to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil. turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.

Gal. 6:7-8 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. <sup>8</sup> The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

**2. It's \_\_\_\_\_ to late to \_\_\_\_\_ around!**

Psa. 145:8 The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

Psa. 51:1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

1John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

All verse from New International Version (1984), unless otherwise noted.

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