

David Part 4 | Anointed To Serve | Pastor Lance 08.25.2019  
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**Memory Verse:** 1 Samuel 15:22-23

<sup>22</sup>But Samuel replied, 'What is more pleasing to the LORD: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams. <sup>23</sup>Rebellion is as sinful as witchcraft, and stubbornness as bad as worshiping idols. So because you have rejected the command of the LORD, he has rejected you as king.'

## 1 Samuel 15

### 1 Samuel 15: 1-9

- What were the instructions given to Saul?
- What did he do? Why do you think Saul and his army didn't destroy everyone/everything?
- Do you always follow the instructions given to you from God? Why or why not?

### 1 Samuel 15:10-15

- Have you ever been sorry you put someone in a leadership position, or in charge of a task? How did you feel?
- Have you made someone else feel this way about you? (Boss? Parent? Teacher?) How did you feel knowing you disappointed that person?
- Do you think you have made God feel this way about you? How do you feel about disappointing/disobeying God?
- How do you think God feels when we sin or disobey his commands?

Last week, Pastor Steve gave us "10 Things That Can Bring Down Any Leader"; Saul shows two of these traits in verses 12-13:

<sup>12</sup>Early the next morning Samuel went to find Saul. Someone told him, "Saul went to the town of Carmel to set up a monument to himself; then he went on to Gilgal." <sup>13</sup>When Samuel finally found him, Saul greeted him cheerfully. "May the LORD bless you," he said. "I have carried out the LORD's command!"

After the "victory" King Saul went to Carmel to set up a monument for HIMSELF. He showed his own PRIDE and then greeted Samuel with a LIE. He did not carry out the LORD's command the way he was instructed to.

- Why do you think Saul made a monument for himself?
- Do you think Saul forgot that he didn't follow all of the directions? How did he rationalize his disobedience?

### 1 Samuel 15: 16-23

- How do you think Samuel felt when telling Saul what he was told by God? How do you think Saul felt hearing it?
- In your own words, what was Samuel saying in verses 22 and 23? What does that mean for us?

### 1 Samuel 15: 24-35

Saul shows two more traits from "10 Things That Can Bring Down Any Leader". First, he shows he was aiming to please people and not God. Second, he then blamed the people he was trying to please for his disobedience.

- When has "People Pleasing" caused you or someone you know to have trouble?
- Why was he unable to remove the rejection and stay in favor with God?
- Why do you think Samuel went with Saul?
- Why do you think Samuel mourned for Saul-- but never went to meet with him again?

## 1 Samuel 16

### 1 Samuel 16: 1-5

Pastor Lance reminded us that there are many times where things do not work out the way we want or have planned; like with Saul. He also reminded us that God always has a plan. Although, it is ok to be hurt when things don't go our way, we need to pick ourselves up and seek God's will. We see this right away in 1 Samuel 16: 1-5.

- Share about a time something didn't work out the way you planned but God showed- He has always has a plan?

### 1 Samuel 16:6-13

- Verse 7 reminds us not to look at the outward appearance but to look at the heart of someone. Do you have an example of someone who looked right for a job or position but didn't have the heart for it? Or someone who had the right heart for a job or position but didn't look the part?

### 1 Samuel 16:14-23

- How do you think David & his family felt knowing he was going to serve the King-while anointed to be the next King?
- How did God prepare David--while living at home—to be requested to stay with Saul?

Although David is anointed to be King, he continues doing his job as a Sheppard faithfully. David waited patiently on God and His timing. He served his family and King Saul; all while being anointed to be the next King. We have been "anointed to serve". Just as David needed to stay where he was at the time- while God prepared him for his future role, we must serve where we are now. God has a plan.

- Can you recall a time you felt you were not in the right place in life, but it turned out you needed to be where you were to get where you are now?
- How do you serve/lead where you are at in life now? What else can you do to serve/lead and lead where you are?