

SAUL

Luke 16:10

He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much:
and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Luke 16:10

Read – I Samuel 9:1-20

Examine –

1. What was Saul's father's name?
2. How does the Bible describe Saul?
3. What were his physical characteristics?
4. What was lost that Saul went to find?
5. What did the servant suggest to find the animals?
6. How does the servant describe the Man of God?

7. What were they going to give the Man of God?
8. What was a prophet called before this?
9. Who did they ask about the prophet?
10. Why had the prophet come to the city?
11. Who was the prophet?
12. Did Samuel know that Saul was coming?
13. Did Saul know Samuel right off?
14. What did the Seer offer him?
15. How long had they been searching?
16. What had happened to the animals?

Apply-

Saul simply obeyed his father and was doing a good job of searching for the animals, but God had a greater purpose for him. Sometimes in the “mundane” obeying of a task, God reveals to us a bigger plan for our lives. Are you obeying in the little things?

What are some of the “little” areas where you could do better?

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Weekly memory verse – Luke 16:10

Read – I Samuel 9:21-10:13

Examine –

1. From what tribe was Saul?
2. How does he describe this tribe?
3. How does he describe his family?
4. Where did Samuel have the two of them sit?
5. What did he have to eat?
6. After the sacrifice, where did they talk?
7. After Saul gets a good night's rest, where did they walk?
8. What did he want the servant to do?
9. What was Saul to do?
10. What would Samuel show him?
11. What did Samuel pour on his head?
12. Why did he do this?
13. List one of the signs that Samuel gave to Saul?
14. Did these things come to pass?
15. What did God give him?

Apply-

This would have been quite a day: you go to find some animals and end up being the King of Israel. Are you preparing now for what God will one day ask of you?

Responsibility may be “dropped” in your lap as well! If you are not ready you will miss the opportunity!

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Weekly memory verse – Luke 16:10

Read – I Samuel 10:14-27

Examine –

1. Who did Saul see?
2. What did he want to know?
3. Did Saul tell him about the Kingdom?
4. Who called the people together?
5. Where were they gathering?
6. How had the people rejected God?
7. How were they to present themselves?

NOTE: How exciting this must have been to choose a King. As the tribes and families are chosen, the excitement must have been building.

8. What tribe was taken?
9. What family was taken?
10. When they called Saul's name, what happened?
11. What had he done?
12. Who did Samuel say had chosen him?

13. What did the people say?
14. Where did he record these things?
15. Who went home with Saul?
16. What did the children of Belial do?

NOTE: Belial was a term in the Old Testament that meant "base, good for nothing, worthless." It was an epithet of scorn and disdain. It was a synonym for a fool.

Apply-

Although the people had rejected God, it was still God that was choosing this King. Saul had a ton of potential, but as we will see, he never became the man God wanted him to be. Will you become a man/woman of "belial"? In contrast will you be a man/woman God can use?

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Weekly memory verse – Luke 16:10

Read – I Samuel 13:1-14

Examine –

1. How long had Saul reigned when this story starts?
2. How many men made up his army?
3. Who was Saul's right-hand man? (He is one of my favorite characters in the Bible)
4. What did he do to the Philistines?
5. Where were all the people gathering?
6. List the numbers of each in the Philistine army:
Chariots _____ Horsemen _____ People _____
7. What did the people of Israel do?
8. Where did some of them go?
9. How did the people follow Saul?
10. How long did Saul wait for Samuel?
11. What did he do next?

NOTE: Saul was king only over political matters. Samuel was Israel's spiritual leader. Saul had no right to put himself in this position God had not given him. He knows this, because he will soon start justifying his actions.

12. Who showed up after the sacrifice?
13. In verses 11 and 12, how many times does he use "I"?
14. Of what was he afraid?
15. Saul said that he _____ himself. (End of verse 12)
16. What does Samuel call his actions?
17. What would have God done for him?
18. What would God seek?

Apply-

It is easy to "justify" or "rationalize" our sin because of circumstances, but no circumstance takes God by surprise. We must simply obey God. What sins have you said are ok in your life? Are you forfeiting God's blessing because of it!

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Weekly memory verse – Luke 16:10

Read – I Samuel 13:15-14:23

Examine – **Saul's decision making only gets worse. It is a downward spiral from here!**

1. Did Samuel stay?
2. How many people were with Saul?
Look back at the Philistine numbers from yesterday? This is an impossible task!
3. How many companies did the Philistines have?
4. What did Israel not have? How did they get stuff sharpened?
5. Who are the only ones to have a sword?
6. Who decides to do something?
7. Did anybody know he was gone?
8. According to verse 6, who was Jonathan depending on to do something?
9. How did the armor bearer respond?
NOTE: God delights in people who step out by faith and just trust Him. It sure is better than hiding in a hole somewhere, if you are a real man, that is!
10. After the Philistines do a little “trash talking” what does Jonathan do?
11. How many men did they kill? How much space?
12. What did this cause in the Philistine camp?
13. What were Saul's men doing? (verse 16)
14. What did the Philistines do to each other?
15. What increased in the camp of the Philistines?
16. What did Saul finally do?
17. What did the people who joined the Philistines do?
18. What did the people who hid do?
19. Who saved Israel?

Apply-

Look at the impact of a choice to act instead of sit! Are you spiritually lying under a tree?

What does God want to do with you if you will launch out to do it?

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Weekly memory verse – Luke 16:10

Read – I Samuel 14:24-46

Examine –

1. What rule had Saul made?
2. How did this make the people feel?
3. Did the people obey?
4. What was in the woods?

NOTE: This was a crazy “rule!” People need food for strength to fight, but Saul cannot think clearly anymore. This is only going to get worse!

5. Who had not heard the “rule”?
He had not heard because he was the one actually doing something about the enemy!
6. What happened when he ate?
7. How were the people physically?
8. What was Jonathan’s assessment of the “rule”?
9. When the battle was over, what did the people do because of hunger?
10. What was the sin of the people? (Leviticus 17:10-11)
11. What did Saul want to do at night?
12. When Saul asked God for counsel did God answer him?
13. What rash statement does Saul make next?
14. Saul knew that there was sin in the camp. When the lots were cast, who was taken?
15. Jonathan admitted what had happened. What did he say must happen?
16. Was Saul going to kill him?
17. Who rescued Jonathan?

Apply-

This demonstrates how out of touch Saul really was: His ridiculous rule caused his army to be weakened and to sin, almost cost his innocent son’s life, and shook the people’s confidence in him. Leaders make mistakes, but they should admit and quickly resolve them. How do you respond when your leaders make mistakes? _____ When you make mistakes? _____

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Weekly memory verse – Luke 16:10

Read – I Samuel 15

Examine – *We see another of Saul's critical mistakes!*

1. Samuel is the human voice, but who is giving Saul these instructions?
2. Do you think the command is clear in verse 3? Is there any “wiggle” room here?
3. According to verse 9, did Saul obey God?
4. What did he destroy?
5. How did Samuel know about the disobedience?
6. What did Samuel hear?
7. Who did Saul say spared the animals?
8. Samuel tells him he did not obey, but in verse 20 what does Saul say?
9. Why did he say “the people” took the animals?
10. What is better than sacrifice?
NOTE: The sacrificial system is the heart of the Jews’ religion; this is a huge statement!
11. What is rebellion like?
12. What is stubbornness like?
13. What is his punishment?
NOTE: Even in verse 24 when he says he has sinned, he blames the people!
14. When Samuel leaves, what does Saul do?
15. What did this illustrate to Saul?
16. What was Saul’s main concern in verse 30?
17. Who killed Agag?
18. Did Saul and Samuel meet again?

Apply-

God wants simple obedience! I do not believe Saul ever really admitted he was wrong. He rationalized and blame-shifted and tried to throw a religious experience in, but God was not impressed. He wants OBEDIENCE!!! Are you obedient to God or do you make excuses? Write some of your past excuses here. Ask God to help you not to use them again!

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