

STUMBLING TO THE DARKSIDE

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SAUL

1. Listen to the Master - 1 Samuel 9

Missed Lesson: Finding the <u>solution</u> to any problem begins by seeking God's <u>opinion</u>.

2. Wrong Place, Right Time - 1 Samuel 10

Missed Lesson: A continual <u>lack</u> of confidence in God and His Word will keep me in the wrong <u>place</u> at the right <u>time</u>.

3. Wise or Smart? - 1 Samuel 13

Missed Lesson: There's a world of difference between <u>wise</u> and "smart."

4. Obedience or Sacrifice? - 1 Samuel 15

Missed Lesson: Partial obedience is disobedience.

Next Steps

- I will ask God to help me *choose* to make God's Word my final authority for my daily life this week.
- I will ask God to help me obey Him, and that includes changing my attitude toward obedience. (including the word "obedience" itself)
- o I will memorize 1 Samuel 15:22 this week.



Bridge LifeGroups are **currently on summer break**. We will continue to provide questions in abbreviated form each week for personal study and/or discussion for LifeGroups choosing to meet during a portion of the break.

Lesson Aim: To learn from the example of Saul's life to make better decisions today.

1. Look over the main points in your notes from Pastor Vin's message. Which lesson from Saul's life stood out to you the most and why?

2. Is there an action step or steps of obedience you want to take in response to your answer to question 1?

3. **READ 1 Samuel 10.** Here in chapter 10, we see the Lord begin to work in Saul's life to change him and empower him to be king. In what ways does God work in Saul's life? Why do you think Saul was not able to continue to obediently walk in the power of God throughout his kingship?

4. Describe a time in your life when people were surprised at how God was working in your life. Were you equally surprised by God's grace? What role did obedience play in how God was working in your life?

5. In what area of your life right now do you feel the need for some "valiant men" (verse 26) to accompany you in order for you to be obedient? Who could you specifically reach out to for prayer and support to fulfill this role in your life?

Daily Devotional Plan – Take a closer look at the life of the Early Church as we learn what it means to follow Jesus.

Day 1 – Acts 27

Day 2 – Acts 28

Day 3 – Philippians 1

Day 4 – Philippians 2

Day 5 – Philippians 3

Day 6 – Philippians 4

Day 7 – Colossians 1