

The Book of Samuel, 1 & 2

*"...People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."
1 Samuel 16:7*

1. _____ is better than sacrifice.
1 Samuel 15:24 compared to 1 Samuel 12:24
1 Samuel 15:17-24
1 Samuel 15:35

2. For the LORD, it is all about _____.
1 Samuel 13:14
1 Samuel 16:7
Acts 13:22
1 Samuel 24:3-8
1 Samuel 26:23-24

3. David's heart after the LORD kept his _____
of GOD to overcome all other fears.
1 Samuel 17:28
1 Samuel 30:6

Small Group

1. Is there any place in your life where you can relate to the challenge of “complete” obedience to what GOD may be saying? Like Saul, many of us want to lean on our own understanding and hold back a portion and it can seem practical and rational. However, David’s obedience was often against what looked logical or practical or even wise, yet he remained fully obedient. Where may you have the temptation to take a little digression? Where is it that you need to fully surrender to that last bit of obedience?
2. The Spirit came and left Saul many times, usually as Saul let fear and jealousy overtake him. In the end, Saul was thought of as mad and psychotic. In contrast, the LORD was with David and even 20 years of waiting on GOD’s promise and 14 attempts on his life by Saul, his own father-in-law, mentor, and king, was still able to not let his heart be taken over by fear, jealousy, bitterness, resentment, entitlement or unforgiveness. He even honored Saul in writing a song in tribute to him. How do you think David was able to this?
3. Just before David’s most famous battle, where, he as the most absolute underdog, kills Goliath. But just as he shows up for battle his own big brother questions David’s motives and discourages David, which could so easily have allowed David to agree with his brother’s words and question himself. Thankfully, David does not allow this obstacle to detour him. Is there anyone in your life whose words or comments or discouragement you have to not let detour you or not buy into over what the LORD has said over you?