

FAITHFUL MEN

1 Samuel 15

WEEK #: 10

Gentlemen,

When we really look at 1 Samuel chapter 15, it is safe to say that this is all about doing what we are told to do in the manner we are instructed to do it without exception.

1. The first point to consider is how we feel about following specific instructions?
2. Once we know how we feel about specific instructions from God, I suppose we need to come to terms with how irrelevant our feelings about it are. What difference does it make how we feel?
3. Do you have trouble doing what you are told-much like King Saul? If so, why? Are you above specific instruction? If so, what is that about?
4. Is obedience to the Word of God constrictive or liberating when all things are considered? If it is liberating...then isn't our disobedience harmful to our financial, emotional, social, relational and physical well-being?
5. What is the greatest motivation for obedience that leads to liberty or freedom? In a word, the answer is love and trust.
6. Is your disobedience a result of an absence of love for God? If so, wouldn't it be more prudent to foster a deeper love for Christ rather than grit your teeth while mustering up some obedience? How can you love Christ more resulting in a deeper and richer level of obedience, thus experiencing a greater level of freedom in your life?
7. Two of the greatest gods that are worshipped in our society are "comfort and convenience". Do you have an "out of balance" issue with this?
8. Do you have trouble admitting your wrongs?
9. Do you tend to blame, deflect or rationalize? How is that working out for you?
10. There are a lot of things to think about regarding this chapter in 1 Samuel. The winds of change are blowing...are you willing to change perspectives and your standard method of operation if in fact you struggle in these areas?
11. Are you in need of another man or small trustworthy group to help you through the process. If so, we should get to work. Journal well this week. It is worth it. You are worth it.

Have a productive week rather than a busy week,

Pastor Gary

For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.
Matthew 23:12

I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in my heart and mind.
I will firmly establish his priestly house, and they will minister before my anointed one always.
1 Samuel 2:35