

The Core of Disobedience

Description

1 Samuel 15:13-23

It is natural to want to cut corners. This is dangerous when it comes to God's commands. When the Israelites came before God, they begged for a king because they wanted to be like the other nations. It was an ill-advised request. God's original design was to be the one and only leader of Israel. Still, God relented and gave the people a king.

Saul was selected, but he was flawed. He had a problem with obedience and that was something that God could not tolerate. He justified his disobedience by telling Samuel that he had completed most of the mission. He even cast blame on those under his command for carrying out the disobedience.

Saul was halfheartedly obedient. The core problem of disobedience to God's commands is that we place our own will and desires above Him: We love ourselves more than God. In God's kingdom, there is no room for a partial commitment. God has taught us that if we are not 100 percent committed to Him, then we might as well be disobedient.

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