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RE- FLECTING GOD

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1 Samuel 15:24-35

The legend of Robin Hood goes back to the 1300's. He is commonly known as an outlaw who robbed from the rich to give money to the poor. His story and heroics have been the source for many childhood adventures. Interestingly, those childhood musings don't really consider that stealing, no matter how good the motive, is wrong.

In 1 Samuel 15, Samuel confronts Saul with his disobedience. Rather than take full responsibility, Saul gave a halfhearted flowery confession. He even told Samuel he was afraid of his own men (v. 24). He begged for forgiveness, but the damage was done.

The king of Israel appointed by God through Samuel was so swayed by his people, he failed to lead them through the example of obedience that God desired. It was not the sin alone that ruined Saul. It was his failure to be humble about it. When we are confronted with our own disobedience, it is best to enter God's presence with humility and honesty to receive forgiveness and restoration.

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