THE STORY CHAPTER 10

Standing Tall, Falling Hard

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Appearing on the Big Screen…

So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. They said to him, “You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have”

*Page135; 1 Samuel 8:4-9*

But the people refused to listen to Samuel. “No!” they said. “We want a king over us. Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles.”

When Samuel heard all that the people said, he repeated it before the Lord. The Lord answered, “Listen to them and give them a king”

*Page 136; 1 Samuel 8:19-20*

1. Saul: Tall and Timid

Kish had a son named Saul, as handsome a young man as could be found anywhere in Israel, and he was a head taller than anyone else.

*Page 136; 1 Samuel 9:2*

Saul said to the servant who was with him, "Come, let’s go back, or my father will stop thinking about the donkeys and start worrying about us."

*1 Samuel 9:5*

“But am I not a Benjamite, from the smallest tribe of Israel, and is not my clan the least of all the clans of the tribe of Benjamin?”

*1 Samuel 9:21*

So they inquired further of the Lord, “Has the man come here yet?” And the Lord said, “Yes, he has hidden himself among the supplies."

*1 Samuel 10:22*

“The Spirit of the Lord will come powerfully upon you, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person.” …As Saul turned to leave Samuel, God changed Saul’s heart, and all these signs were fulfilled that day.

*1 Samuel 10:6, 9*

“Go down ahead of me to Gilgal. I will surely come down to you to sacrifice burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, but you must wait seven days until I come to you and tell you what you are to do."

*Page 137; 1 Samuel 10:8 NIV*

2. Saul: Strong and Mighty

When Saul heard their words, the Spirit of God came powerfully upon him, and he burned with anger. He took a pair of oxen, cut them into pieces, and sent the pieces by messengers throughout Israel, proclaiming, “This is what will be done to the oxen of anyone who does not follow Saul and Samuel. Then the terror of the Lord fell on the people, and they came out together as one….The next day Saul separated his men into three divisions; during the last watch of the night they broke into the camp of the Ammonites and slaughtered them until the heat of the day. Those who survived were scattered, so that no two of them were left together.

*Page 139; 1 Samuel 11:6-7, 11*

But Saul said, “No one will be put to death today, for this day the LORD has rescued Israel.”

*1 Samuel 11:13*

They hid in caves and thickets, among the rocks, and in pits and cisterns.

*1 Samuel 13:6 NIV*

3. Saul: Too busy to worship, too big to obey

So he said, “Bring me the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings.” And Saul offered up the burnt offering. Just as he finished making the offering, Samuel arrived, and Saul went out to greet him.

“What have you done?” asked Samuel.

Saul replied, “When I saw that the men were scattering, and that you did not come at the set time, and that the Philistines were assembling at Mikmash, I thought, ‘Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the LORD’s favor.’ So I felt compelled to offer the burnt offering.”

“You have done a foolish thing,” Samuel said. “You have not kept the command the LORD your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time.”

*Page 142; 1 Samuel 13:9-13*

“You have done a foolish thing,” Samuel said. “You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time. But now your kingdom will not endure; the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the Lord’s command.”

*Page 142; 1 Samuel 13:13-14*

“…totally destroy all that belongs to them; put to death men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys.”

*Page 142; 1 Samuel 15:3*

He took Agag king of the Amalekites alive, and all his people he totally destroyed with the sword. But Saul and the army spared Agag and the best of the sheep and cattle, the fat calves and lambs—everything that was good.

*Page 143; 1Samuel 15:20-21*

He went to Carmel to set up a victory monument in his own honor…

*Page 143; I Samuel 15:12 MSG*

“I accomplished God’s plan to the letter!”

Samuel said, “So what’s this I’m hearing – this bleating of sheep, this mooing of cattle?”

*I Samuel 15:13-14*

“When you were little in your own eyes, were you not the head of the tribes of Israel?”

*I Samuel 15:17 NKJV*

So Samuel said to him, ‘The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today, and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you.’”

*1 Samuel 15:28*

God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

*I Peter 5:5*

Two signs of a haughty heart:

* Too busy to worship God
* Too big to obey God

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” *John 14:15 NASB*

They have dared to raise their fist against the Lord's throne, so now the Lord will be at war with Amalek generation after generation.

*Exodus 17:16 NLT*

Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought. *Romans 12:3 NIV*

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