



WE 3 KINGS

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TWO: KING SAUL

Today's Verses:



1 Samuel 15:10-11	1 Sam 8:1-3, 5	1 Sam 15:22-23
1 Samuel 15:13	1 Sam 8:19-20	1 Sam 15:13, 20
1 Sam 8:7, 11-18	1 Sam 15:18-20	Hebrews 10:5, 10

WE THREE KINGS - WEEK 2 - KING SAUL

Saul was the first king in Israel and his downfall came because of his own self-deception. Saul shows how easy it is to become self-deceived. We first begin to **shift blame** with words like, "It's not my fault!" Next, we seek to **justify** our actions as being okay when they aren't. Elisabeth Elliot said her father would tell her and her brother growing up, "*There's no use singing Jesus praises when you're being disobedient.*" The human heart has an incredible capacity for self-deception, and that was King Saul's story... as well as our own. What went wrong with Saul is what goes wrong in us: we forget that God is the one who gives us our worth and value, we forget that God delights in us as His children, and we forget that He has given us His favor in Jesus.

The reality is that the only possible way to get any help with self-deception is to find somebody who is not YOU to talk to you! We must develop close relationships where we can ask these questions (try to find someone this week):

What are things that are wrong with me, the character flaws?

What are the things that other people see which I don't?"

How can trusting what God has said over us make the difference in being honest and real?