



# SAMUEL KINGS & COVENANTS

## MESSAGE NOTES & DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 10 – FINISHING WELL

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

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1 Samuel 13 & 14; 24:17; 26:2; 31:1-10

- Saul chose \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_
- God convicts of sin so that \_\_\_\_\_ better, not \_\_\_\_\_ better
- Saul chose \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_
- We must always \_\_\_\_\_ to drive us to \_\_\_\_\_
- Saul chose \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_
- Victory can \_\_\_\_\_ no matter what the \_\_\_\_\_ indicate

**Your greatest spiritual impact will be how you finish, not how you started**

### DIGGING DEEPER

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1. Think about someone you know who finished life well. What impact did that have on you and those around them? Now think about someone who didn't finish life well. What impact did that have on you and those around them?
2. What are the qualities of a life that finishes well? What do you need today to build those qualities into your life?
3. Saul was remorseful about his treatment of David, but did not change. What is the danger of just feeling bad about our sin? What is the danger if we express remorse but don't really seek to change that sinful practice?
4. Saul's fear drove him away from God and toward sinful responses to his situation, like visiting a medium to find guidance. Why is it that fear can drive us away from God rather than toward him? How can we keep this from happening?
5. When Saul was facing what seemed to him to be an insurmountable problem, he chose to escape rather than engage. He took his own life to do so. When we are facing seemingly impossible challenges in life, what can help us run to the fight, rather than running away?
6. 1 Samuel provides us with a clear, practical comparison between one who didn't finish well and one who did. What major comparisons do you see between Saul and David?
7. If there is one takeaway you have from our study of 1 Samuel what would that be?
8. What can you do to make sure that word from God for your life takes root and bears fruit?