

## ***Saul: Where is Your Confidence?***

Old Testament Challenge - Week July 4

### **Bible Text:**

Book of 1 Samuel

### **Theme:**

Perhaps the greatest temptation in life is to put our confidence, or trust, in something God has created rather than in God Himself. And so, we look to our finances, relationships, possessions, jobs, etc., to provide the wholeness that only the Lord can provide. Saul is a tragic example of one who succumbed to this temptation.

### **Daily Readings:**

- Monday – 1 Samuel 9-11
- Tuesday – 1 Samuel 12-14
- Wednesday – 1 Samuel 15-17
- Thursday – 1 Samuel 18-20
- Friday – 1 Samuel 21-23
- Saturday – 1 Samuel 24-26
- Sunday – 1 Samuel 27-28

### **Bible Memory Verse:**

*Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.*

1 Samuel 15:22

### **Personal Reflection:**

1. As you read through 1 Samuel 9-28, what are the sins of Saul that lead to his being rejected as King? Why do you think the Lord reacted so strongly to Saul?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What do you think were the character flaws in Saul that led to his rejection?

3. What do you think are some practical ways to not only keep trusting the Lord but also to identify when you are beginning to place your confidence elsewhere?

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Why do you think it's so important to the Lord that we put our confidence and trust in Him?
2. As you consider each of the following areas, other than Christ, what might people look to for their confidence (trust):
  - Salvation?
  - Happiness?
  - Security?
3. Why do you think it's so difficult for us to put our confidence in the Lord in all areas of our lives?
4. Where do you tend to be particularly tempted with regard to your trust or confidence?

**Action Challenge:**

Make a list of the areas of your life where you tend to put your trust/confidence in something/someone other than the Lord. Pray for the Lord to set you free in each of those areas so that He would be the one that you trust.