



A TALE OF TWO MEN.

“BEHOLD, TO OBEY IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE,
AND TO LISTEN THAN THE FAT OF RAMS.”

1 SAMUEL 15:22b

THE STORYLINE: THROUGH SAUL’S LENS

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saul <u>DISOBEYS</u> God’s <u>COMMAND</u>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God <u>REJECTS</u> Saul as <u>KING</u>. Kingdom given to a <u>BETTER MAN</u>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God is <u>RAISING</u> up someone <u>BETTER</u>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>SAUL</u> goes on the <u>DEFENSIVE</u>. Saul <u>FEARS</u> David, and seeks to <u>KILL</u> him.

THE STORYLINE: THROUGH DAVID’S LENS

Chapters 13-14	Chapter 15	Chapters 16-18	Chapters 19-26
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saul <u>DISOBEYS</u> God’s <u>COMMAND</u>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God <u>REJECTS</u> Saul as <u>KING</u>. Kingdom given to a <u>BETTER MAN</u>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God <u>CHOOSES</u> <u>DAVID</u> to be <u>KING</u>. <u>DAVID’S</u> life is marked by <u>FAITHFULNESS</u>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>DAVID</u> is <u>PATIENT</u>. <u>TRUSTS</u> God’s hand.

CHAPTERS 27-28

Saul	David
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saul’s <u>KINGDOM</u> is beginning to slip from his hands... Just as <u>GOD</u> said it would (1 Samuel 15) <p>“... the Glory of Israel will not lie or have regret, for he is not a man, that he should have regret.” (15:29)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God’s <u>BLESSING</u> continues to rest upon David. David continues to <u>OBEY</u> God before man. <p style="text-align: center;">“To obey is better than sacrifice.” (15:22b)</p>

CONTRASTING BEHAVIORS

SAUL’S actions show that he...

- DOUBTS God MEANS what he SAYS
- DISREGARDS God’s COMMANDS

As a result...

- Saul PANICS as he tries to use GOD to keep grasp of his KINGSHIP.

DAVID’S actions show that he...

- TRUSTS God MEANS what he SAYS.
- OBEYS God’s COMMANDS

As a result...

- David countenance is CALM and CONFIDENT

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. How were you challenged or encouraged by our study tonight?
2. Do the actions of your life prove you trust God means what He says? Or do you doubt?
3. Do the actions of your life prove you obey God's commands? Or do you disregard them?
4. Is your life marked by faithful confidence or fearful panic?
5. What can we learn and take away from our study tonight?