

The End

1 Samuel 31

1. Read **1 Samuel 31:1-5**. In Verse 2, we read of the death of Jonathan. Dale Davis says, "What is tragic about remaining faithfully in the calling God assigned us? Was it tragic when Jonathan laid aside a kingdom he could not have to enter a kingdom he could not lose?" Does that put some apparent tragedies in the lives of Christians into a different perspective?
2. Read **1 Samuel 31:6-10**. In verse 9, the Philistines carry the good news (gospel) to the house of their idols and the people. They are mocking The Lord. How high on our agenda should God's honor be?
3. The Philistines think their god defeated Yahweh, but all they did was defeat Israel's Idol. What does this tell us about idols?
4. Read **1 Samuel 31:11-13**. What is the significance of the men of Jabesh-Gilead showing up at the end of Saul's life?
5. They bury his bones under a Tamarisk tree; what is the significance of the Tamarisk tree? (**Genesis 21:33-34**)
6. Although Saul is dead, we glimpse God's goodness to his people in the first verse of 2 Samuel; what is that?
7. Read **Psalms 100:5**. How is God calling us to be people of hope in our day? How does this Psalm encourage you?