

Sermon Notes: 1 Samuel 18-19

“Most of us are what we are because of the small decisions we have made, and we are making ourselves by the small decisions we are continually making.” Martyn Lloyd Jones

“Beware of the beginning of sin. One leak will sink a ship; one fly will spoil the whole pot of ointment.” Charles Spurgeon

“Sin always aims at the utmost.” John Owen

Your sin never just affects you; there is always collateral damage.

“Sin is of a growing nature. If once it be suffered to take root, it will spread and bring forth more and more bitter fruit.” Jonathan Edwards

“God’s judgment is often simply giving us what we most want until it destroys us. Saul wanted control more than God, and so God gave him over to that desire, and it consumed him.” Tim Keller

“If you are not colliding with the world, it may be because you are going in the same direction.” Tim Keller

The psalms, especially the laments, give us a God-inspired way to process our sadness and anger. They teach us not to deny our feelings, nor to vent them destructively, but to pray them — to bring them into God’s presence until they lose their destructive power.

Opposition to God and His people will backfire.