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- Both **faithfulness** & **compromise**.
- Saul, the **obvious** choice.
- **Impressive** but from the **smallest** tribe.
- We can **start** well but don't often **finish** well.

2. A warrior king

- A **successful** king.
- He **unified** Israel & **led** the way in battle.
- Saul **rescues** Israel & the Spirit **empowers**.
- Wound up **dead** & the **dynastic** monarchy.
- His downfall wasn't **sudden**; it was **slow**.
- We don't fall or fail **overnight**, but through small ***choices*** & ***capitulations*** to the world.

3. A foolish man

- **Infected** with pride.
- Chose **fleeing** over **fighting**.
- Chose to function as **prophet** & **priest**.
- To teach Saul **patience** & **dependence**.
- That he **repented** & never **repeated**?

- Saul **feigned** obedience, for **selfish** gain.
- For the sake of **expediency**.
- Felt **remorse** but not true **repentance**.
- The result of **peer pressure**.
- Saul chose **compromise** over **confession**.

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