

Open up

What stood out to you most from Sunday's message about Saul and David?

Discussion

When you hear the word *surrender*, what feelings or thoughts come to mind? Positive or negative?

Read 1 Samuel 16:1–13

In 1 Samuel 16:7, God tells Samuel, *"People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."*

1. What does this reveal about God's values versus the world's values?
2. What "unseen" heart qualities does God prioritize?
3. How much energy, thought, prayer do you put into growing these areas in your heart and life?

Read Romans 12:2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

1. What are some "patterns of this world" that pressure you to conform?
2. What "greener grass" temptations in your life do you tend to water the most?
3. How do you "renew your mind" to combat conforming to the world?

Read Acts 13:22 After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'

1. Why do you think David, though imperfect, was called *"a man after God's own heart"*?
2. What qualities in David's life show a surrendered heart?

Application

The sermon compared Saul's life (pleasing people) with David's life (pleasing God).

1. In what areas of your life are you tempted to live for the approval of others?
2. What does a "Saul-like" pattern look like in today's world?

What strengths, achievements, or areas of success have you been guilty of or tempted to *crown* in your own life?

1. Describe what surrender look like in these areas?

When have you experienced the struggle between doing what looks good and doing what's right before God?

1. What helps you stay faithful in that tension?

Decisions

Read Psalm 25:4-5 “Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.”

1. What specific part of your life needs that prayer right now?
2. What area of life do you most need to pray, “Lord, I surrender my _____ to You”?
3. How would this change your faith, your marriage, your life?

Pray Pastor Daniel encouraged us to pray “David prayers” throughout our day.

1. What’s one way you can practically remind yourself to live surrendered this week (bracelet, note, mirror, phone background, etc.)?

Group Prayer

1. End your time by praying through Psalm 25:4–5 together
2. Each person can fill in the blank: “*Lord, I surrender my _____ to You.*”
3. Pray that your hearts, homes, and church would reflect the same devotion God saw in David — hearts after His own.

Orchard Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: OC Small Group Zoom

Time: Oct 6, 2025 12:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Mon, 108 occurrence(s)

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZcuf-yorTsrHddxw0-svQIkFWHF84ZSCmaH/ics?icsToken=DGMdCfOoaUseQzBfuQAALAAAADcyCYmdX5W4IbGLb7Gwi6Wlb_9Xiv2hGRGALCXWmp5hIX8pnsVBldO1lTwMG8fwY0YyKCIsVSM8esB1tjAwMDAwMQ&meetingMasterEventId=wh-N3ztFRCG_8YLbgay74w

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