

THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

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Text: 1 Samuel 1-4; 8-13; 15 / TS - Ch 10

So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have" - 1 Samuel 8:4-9

1. Saul: _____ and _____

Kish had a son named Saul, as handsome a young man as could be found anywhere in Israel, and he was a head taller than anyone else. - 1 Samuel 9:2

"The Spirit of the Lord will come powerfully upon you, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person." ...As Saul turned to leave Samuel, God changed Saul's heart, and all these signs were fulfilled that day. - 1 Samuel 10:6, 9

"Go down ahead of me to Gilgal. I will surely come down to you to sacrifice burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, but you must wait seven days until I come to you and tell you what you are to do." - 1 Samuel 10:8 NIV

2. Saul: _____ and _____

When Saul heard their words, the Spirit of God came powerfully upon him, and he burned with anger. He took a pair of oxen, cut them into pieces, and sent the pieces by messengers throughout Israel, proclaiming, "This is what will be done to the oxen of anyone who does not follow Saul and Samuel. Then the terror of the Lord fell on the people, and they came out together as one....The next day Saul separated his men into three divisions; during the last watch of the night they broke into the camp of the Ammonites and slaughtered them until the heat of the day. Those who survived were scattered, so that no two of them were left together. - 1 Sa 11:6-7, 11

But Saul said, "No one will be put to death today, for this day the LORD has rescued Israel." - 1 Samuel 11:13

3. Saul: Too _____ to _____, too _____ to _____

"What have you done?" asked Samuel. Saul replied, "When I saw that the men were scattering, and that you did not come at the set time ... I felt compelled to offer the burnt offering." - 1 Samuel 13:9-13

"You have done a foolish thing," Samuel said. "You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time. But now your kingdom will not endure; the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the Lord's command." - 1 Samuel 13:13-14

He went to Carmel to set up a victory monument in his own honor... - 1 Samuel 15:12

"I accomplished God's plan to the letter!" Samuel said, "So what's this I'm hearing – this bleating of sheep, this mooing of cattle?" - 1 Samuel 15:13-14

"When you were little in your own eyes, were you not the head of the tribes of Israel?" - 1 Sa 15:17

So Samuel said to him, "The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today, and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you." - 1 Samuel 15:28

God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. - 1 Peter 5:5

4. Two signs of a _____:

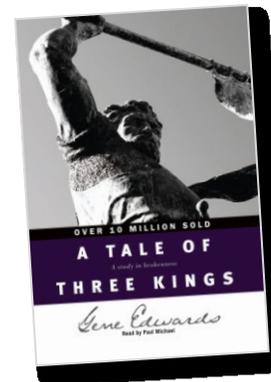
- Too busy to _____ God
- Too big to _____ God

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments." - John 14:15

They have dared to raise their fist against the Lord's throne, so now the Lord will be at war with Amalek generation after generation. - Exodus 17:16

Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought. - Romans 12:3

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