

“The gospel is not a way to get people to heaven; it is way to get people to God. It’s a way of overcoming every obstacle to everlasting joy in God. If we don’t want God above all things, we have not been converted by the gospel.”

John Piper, *God is the Gospel*

11 And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus. Luke 5:11 NLT

Building a Trellis

“Spiritual Formation is a process, but it is also a journey through which we open our hearts to a deeper connection with God. We are not bystanders in our spiritual lives, we are active participants with God, who is ever inviting us into relationship with him.”

Richard Foster - *Renovare*

“One of the big dangers of spiritual life in America today is the possibility of being celebrated as a success while actually being a spiritual failure.” Jon Tyson



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Part 1: Surrender

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Introduction

King Saul’s Downfall

1. Impatience

but Samuel said, “What is this you have done?” Saul replied, “I saw my men scattering from me, and you didn’t arrive when you said you would, and the Philistines are at Micmash ready for battle. So I said, ‘The Philistines are ready to march against us at Gilgal, and I haven’t even asked for the LORD’s help!’ So I felt compelled to offer the burnt offering myself before you came.”

“How foolish!” Samuel exclaimed. “You have not kept the command the LORD your God gave you. Had you kept it, the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. But now your kingdom must end, for the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart. The LORD has already appointed him to be the leader of his people, because you have not kept the LORD’s command.”

1 Samuel 13:11-14 NLT

“Seeking to act in our own time, rather than waiting on God’s doesn’t accelerate the work of God in our lives; it corrupts it.”

Jon Tyson

2. Partial Obedience

“The people spared the best of the sheep and oxen to make a sacrifice to Yahweh” 1 Samuel 15:15.

“Why then did you not listen to the voice of the Lord? And why did you rush upon the spoil and do evil in the sight of the Lord?”

1 Samuel 15:19

10 Then the Lord said to Samuel, 11 “I am sorry that I ever made Saul king, for he has not been loyal to me and has refused to obey my command.”

1 Samuel 15:10-11 NLT

3. Jealousy

“Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands”

1 Samuel 18:7.

What God Says About You

3 All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. 4 Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. 5 God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. 6 So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. 7 He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. 8 He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.

Ephesians 1:3-8 NLT

Hiding in the Stuff

22 So they asked the Lord, “Where is he?” And the Lord replied, “He is hiding among the baggage.” 1 Samuel 10:22 NLT

And the Lord answered, Behold he hath hid himself among the stuff. 1 Samuel 10:22 KJV

The Objective of the Christian Life

And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Matthew 4:19 ESV