

1 Samuel 17:1-11  
"Lost Courage"

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## 1. Introduction

a. King Saul already rejected by God

- 1 Sam 15:22-23, 26-29

- Why did God reject Saul

\* 1 Sam 15:3 God tells Saul (through Samuel) to completely destroy all living things in Amalek

\* 1 Sam 15:19 Samuel asks Saul,

"Why haven't you obeyed God

b. Samuel destroys King Agag (1 Sam 15:33)

## 2. Misconstrued Position

a. Decisions reveal test of character

- Saul's position as king did not produce personal character

b. Goliath from Gath identifies army as servants of Saul (1 Sam 17:8)

c. Courage lost

- Saul & entire army disheartened & greatly afraid

## 3. Muddled Past

a. Saul not seen much between chap 7-11

b. Saul crowned king in chap. 11

c. Saul reigns for 2 years - chap 13

- he has army of 3000 men

- Philistines had 30,000 chariots & 6000 horsemen

d. Insecure Impatience

- 1 Sam 13:7-8, 11, 13-14

- Saul offers sacrifices

\* Samuel, "What have you done?"

- your kingdom will not continue

- 3e. Inopportune Indifference
- 1 Sam 13:3 Jonathan (Saul's son) attacks Philistine garrison
  - But where was Saul? In Gilgal & Israel scattered (1 Sam 13:6-7)

#### 4. Ignored Imperative

- a. 1 Sam 15:1-9
- God tells Saul to destroy all living things in Amalek
  - but Saul spared King Agag & the best of the animals
- b. 1 Sam 15:10-11
- God regrets making Saul King
  - Saul has not done all God's commands
  - \* incomplete obedience
- c. 1 Sam 15:19, 22-23
- Samuel asks, "Why then did you not obey the voice of the Lord?"
  - God's conclusion
  - \* to obey is better than sacrifice
  - \* rebellion is as sin of witchcraft
  - \* stubbornness as iniquity & idolatry

#### 5. Unwilling Participant

- a. King Saul unwilling to kill giant (1 Sam 17:10-11)

- Goliath: "give me a man"
- King Saul & army afraid

- b. Unmasked pessimism (1 Sam 17:33)

- Saul tells David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine"

- c. Unused preparation (1 Sam 17:38-39)

- Saul gives David all army equipment to use in fight
- but David declines it
- David felt this was not tested equipment for his use

#### 6. Goliath's Malicious Pride

- 1 Sam 17:42-43

#### 7. Damaged Ego

- 1 Sam 18:7-9: Saul very angry

8. Diverted Endeavor - Saul rather kill David than external enemy Philistines