

Restoration for God's leaders

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1 SAMUEL 15:1 NKJV – (1) Samuel also said to Saul, “The LORD sent me to anoint you king over His people, over Israel. Now therefore, heed the voice of the words of the LORD..

Have you ever tried to listen to God and actually knew for sure what He wanted you to do? How can you tell if you are being obedient to God's desire? How do you know if you have done wrong or right by God? The first responsibility for church leadership is to listen to God and not the people. Ignoring this responsibility can have serious consequences.

For the next eight weeks, I will be sharing meditations that have been designed for the leadership of the church. God wants to restore His original design for the church. The bible tells us there is a way that seems right unto man, but in the end it will lead to death. We have a king who believed he was doing the right thing. Even after being chastised, he continued on His own course. God wants to restore us. Will you listen or will you continue to the same course as King Saul?

Samuel and Saul both heard God's direction. Yet, we discover that although Saul had good intentions, he chose to listen to other people over God's instruction. Why did Saul do that? “Saul answered Samuel, “I have sinned. I have transgressed the Lord's command and your words. Because I was afraid of the people, **I obeyed them.**” (**1 Samuel 15:24**) **He feared the people more than he feared God.** The mistake that Saul made, and that church leaders make today is to listen to the desires of the people over the direction of God. The descent of King Saul's reign can be traced to this experience. When a leader makes listening to people over God's voice a priority, a similar descent will follow. This very behavior is happening today and it's even deeper than what is being addressed today.

The people that we spiritual leaders are leading belong to the Lord! For the next seven weeks we will reveal the very thing that contributed to King Saul getting his head cut off at the Valley of Gilboa.

SCRIPTURE READING: EXODUS 21:34

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: There will be a time where you will sigh and say, “It really did work out for my good!”

“A JOURNEY OF THE HEART”