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- 3) We all deserve _____
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- We _____ God by _____ His commands

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- 3) We all deserve JUDGMENT
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- PARTIAL obedience = TOTAL disobedience
- We LOVE God by OBEYING His commands

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- 1) Enough TIME removes sin and guilt
- 2) A spiritual PAST guarantees God's APPROVAL
- 3) My RIGHTS excuse my WRONGS

At the time of writing this, God had already used Paul to plant several churches, lead many people to Christ, and suffer persecution for Jesus. Yet, Paul determines to press *on* - rather than rest in his spiritual “accomplishments” or experiences. Why do you think this is important for us to imitate?

What are the dangers of dwelling on the past (either our past failures, or our past successes)?

TAKING IT HOME

- 7) One of the reasons Saul gave into disobedience was because he *forgot* that it was God’s grace that established him as king, and he credited himself instead. What are some examples of God’s grace in your life that you can remember, to help protect yourself from pride?
- 8) Looking back at your notes and homework, what do you most need to remember or put into practice?

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ▶ Pray for the persecuted church in Iran.
- ▶
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Summer Life Homework **For the week of July 10, 2022**

Welcome to Summer Life! Life Groups are on break for the summer. **However, join us on Wednesdays at 6:30pm at church for *Summer Life*.** Similar to Life Groups, we’ll gather together to discuss the following questions, encourage one another, pray, and fellowship. Instead of multiple Life Groups meeting in different places, Summer Life invites everyone to come join one, big group discussion. **Childcare is provided.** Please take some time to answer the following questions so you’re best prepared for the discussion.

REVIEW

- 1) In your own words, give a brief summary of what happened in 1 Samuel 15.
- 2) Looking back at your notes, what stood out to you from this week’s message in 1 Samuel 15? (Favorite point? Questions? etc..)
- 3) This week we read how King Saul decided to only *partially* obey God’s command. What do you think led Saul to this decision? Where was his focus?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 4) This week we talked about trusting God even in difficult passages or circumstances. How do the following passages encourage you to trust God's decisions?

Job 40:1-5 NLT - "[1] Then the LORD said to Job, [2] "Do you still want to argue with the Almighty? You are God's critic, but do you have the answers?" [3] Then Job replied to the LORD, [4] "I am nothing--how could I ever find the answers? I will cover my mouth with my hand. [5] I have said too much already. I have nothing more to say."

Psalms 46:8-11 - "[8] Come, behold the works of the LORD, Who has made desolations in the earth. [9] He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire. [10] Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! [11] The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah"

Isaiah 55:8-9 - "[8] "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. [9] "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts."

Which of the above passages means the most to you? Why?

What are some possible dangers of choosing **not** to trust God's decisions as good/best/wise/etc.?

- 5) In our passage in 1 Samuel 15, Saul finally admitted he sinned in verse 24, saying, "*because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.*" What are some ways that we "fear the people" today? (Be specific!)

Why do you think fearing the people is dangerous?

What has been most helpful for you to combat the temptation to fear the people more than fearing God?

- 6) What stands out to you from the following passage?
Philippians 3:8-14 - "[8] Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ [9] and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; [10] that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, [11] if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. [12] Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. [13] Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, [14] I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."