

1 Samuel 18
The Roots and Fruits of Life
July 31, 2022

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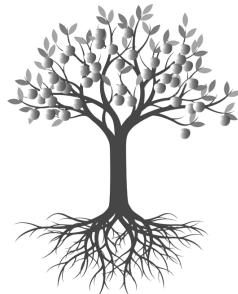
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- 1) To follow Jesus is to regularly SURRENDER
everything to Him.

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- 2) To sin, we need three things: a desire, a means, and an OPPORTUNITY
- Jesus is the One that changes our DESIRES
 - It's up to ME to minimize the means and opportunities to sin.

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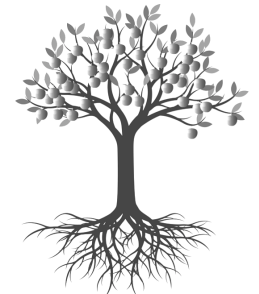
- 3) A great way to fight pride is to remember all we have is by God's GRACE

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4) How we ACT reveals what we BELIEVE

5) What we BELIEVE affects how we ACT

- 6) What are you ROOTED in - the truth of God's Word,
or the lies of this world?



- 7) Saul believed the lies of “this life is about me” and “I’m living for my own kingdom”. When are you most **tempted** to treat your life as yours and not God’s?

When are you most **reminded** to treat your life as God’s and not yours?

TAKING IT HOME

- 8) Take some time to consider some of the good and bad fruits in your life. List them here:

Based on these fruits, what truths or lies do you believe?

- 9) 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 China.
- ▶
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Summer Life Homework For the week of July 31, 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 18.

- 2) Looking back at your notes, what stood out to you from this week’s message in 1 Samuel 18? (Favorite point? Questions? etc..)

DIGGING DEEPER

- 3) Since David was anointed with the Holy Spirit back in chapter 16, he’s gone through some very tough situations: fighting the battle against Goliath, escaping Saul’s attempted murder, serving a paranoid king. What stands out to you from the following passages?

Matthew 3:16-17 & 4:1 - “[16] When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God

descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. [17] And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. [1] Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil."

Sometimes we get the idea that God gives us His Spirit to **fix** our problems - but often in Scripture, we see God empowering people to **endure** through life's problems. We want God to heal, restore, or provide - but often He chooses not to. Why do you think God allows us to suffer?

Why do you think God empowers us with His Holy Spirit?

If we view our suffering through God's perspective, how might that affect the ways that we pray?

4) This week we read about Saul putting himself in tempting situations - holding onto his spear while trying to fight jealousy towards David. What stands out to you from the following passages?

Romans 13:12-14 - "[12] *The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. [13] Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. [14] But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.*"

What are some examples of what it looks like to "make no provision for the flesh"?

5) Living in a fallen world, among sinful people, we will often have people "cast spears" at us (attack us with actions or words). What are some things that we can do to help us love our enemies, forgive, and not throw spears back?

Since our **beliefs** (roots) affect our **actions** (fruits), what are some **lies** that would lead us to repay evil for evil?

What are some **truths** that would lead us to be Christlike?

6) When David was protecting his sheep, he killed a lion and a bear - and nobody was there to praise him (except sheep)! But after he killed Goliath - entire cities of women sang praises about David's greatness. How do you think David remained humble?

How can we strive to remain humble, even in the midst of great success?