



Confronting Blatant Rebellion

Odyssey Of An Emerging Leader - Part 5 of 7

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Big Idea: Appropriate confrontation with the proper motive is one of the most loving things we can do, and it gives everyone involved the opportunity to grow.

Text: 1 Samuel 15

I. BE CAREFUL WHOM YOU CONFRONT AND ABOUT WHAT.

"This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they waylaid them as they came up from Egypt. Now go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy everything that belongs to them. Do not spare them; put to death men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys.'" – 1 Samuel 15:2-3

Remember what the Amalekites did to you along the way when you came out of Egypt. When you were weary and worn out, they met you on your journey and cut off all who were lagging behind; they had no fear of God. When the Lord your God gives you rest from all the enemies around you in the land he is giving you to possess as an inheritance, you shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven. Do not forget! – Deuteronomy 25:17-19

But Saul... – 1 Samuel 15:9a

Then the word of the LORD came to Samuel: "I am grieved that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me and has not carried out my instructions." Samuel was troubled, and he cried out to the LORD all that night. – 1 Samuel 15:10-11

II. WHAT DO WE DO INSTEAD OF CONFRONTING?

A. We _____ like everything is okay.

B. We _____ for the person.

C. We leave it to _____.

D. We just _____.

Early in the morning... – 1 Samuel 15:12a

"The Lord bless you! I have carried out the Lord's instructions." – 1 Samuel 15:13b

But Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of sheep in my ears? What is this lowing of cattle that I hear?" – 1 Samuel 15:14

Saul answered, "The soldiers brought them from the Amalekites; they spared the best of the sheep and cattle to sacrifice to the LORD your God, but we totally destroyed the rest." – 1 Samuel 15:15

"Stop!" Samuel said to Saul. "Let me tell you what the LORD said to me last night." "Tell me," Saul replied. Samuel said, "Although you were once small in your own eyes, did you not become the head of the tribes of Israel? The LORD anointed you king over Israel. And he sent you on a mission, saying, 'Go and completely destroy those wicked people, the Amalekites; make war on them until you have wiped them out.' Why did you not obey the LORD? Why did you pounce on the plunder and do evil in the eyes of the LORD?" – 1 Samuel 15:16-19

"But I did obey the LORD," Saul said. "I went on the mission the LORD assigned me. I completely destroyed the Amalekites and brought back Agag their king. The soldiers took sheep and cattle from the plunder, the best of what was devoted to God, in order to sacrifice them to the LORD your God at Gilgal." – 1 Samuel 15:20-21

But Samuel replied: "Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams. For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has rejected you as king." – 1 Samuel 15:22-23

But Samuel said, "As your sword has made women childless, so will your mother be childless among women." And Samuel put Agag to death before the LORD at Gilgal. – 1 Samuel 15:33

III. LESSONS TO LEARN:

A. Check your _____.

B. Plan out what you're _____ and how you're going to say it.

C. Remember that we _____ how they are going to respond.

Until the day Samuel died, he did not go to see Saul again, though Samuel mourned for him. And the LORD was grieved that he had made Saul king over Israel. – 1 Samuel 15:35

MEMORY VERSE

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