

A landscape photograph featuring a road that splits into two paths leading through a field of golden wheat. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds, and the sun is visible on the left side, creating a bright glow. In the background, there are rolling hills and a line of trees.

The Mountain of Exception

A Journey Through I Samuel

The Rise and Fall of
King Saul

Summary of Today's Message

Partial obedience to the will of God will take us in the wrong direction. If, instead, we invite God to run our lives, we will discover that the path of obedience is also the path of joy and purpose – without exception!

The Profile of Saul

Saul was anointed by Samuel chapter 10:1

Saul had humility in the beginning

Saul had a forgiving heart

The Fall of King Saul

The fall of Saul began gradually (I Samuel 13)

Samuel ordered Saul to get the army together and wait seven days for Samuel to come and offer a burnt offering and have a time of worship

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He made an exception and did not fully obey Samuel's orders-this was his first step to his downfall

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Exceptionalism was the first step in his fall

The Second Step in Saul's Fall

The Amalekites were the ISIS of that day

Saul was partially obedient, and he used the pious card to say he was an exception.

The Third Step in Saul's Fall

Lesson Learned: God does not operate in the basis of cheap grace.

The Philistines killed all three of his sons and he was mortally wounded.

He fell on his own sword and took his own life

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