

# Part 16: Not By Might

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### REVIEW

Road to Restoration Step 1: Incredible Loss Step 2: Divine Intervention Step 3: Broken Heart Step 4: Godly Dependence

# Remembering Saul

## 1. HIS POTENTIAL

1 Samuel 13:8 (ESV)- And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the command of the Lord your God, with which he commanded you. For then the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever.

### 2. HIS PROBLEM

1 Samuel 15:24 (ESV)-Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.

## **3. HIS PARTING**

1 Samuel 31:3 (ESV)- The battle pressed hard against Saul, and the archers found him, and he was badly wounded by the archers. Then Saul said to his armor-bearer, "Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and mistreat me." But his armor-bearer would not, for he feared greatly. Therefore Saul took his own sword and fell upon it.

# **Practical Examples**

Saul: Mostly Negative David: Mostly Positive

Examples Of: Fear & Foolishness Examples Of: Faith & Victory Examples Of: Correction & Encouragement Examples Of: Trust & Obedience Examples Of: Brokenness & Restoration

# What We See About God

#### God Is against the proud and for the humble

1 Samuel 2:3-4 (ESV)-Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble bind on strength.

### God Is at work despite human choices

1 Samuel 2:7-8 (ESV)-The <u>Lord makes</u> poor and <u>makes</u> rich; he <u>brings low</u> and <u>he exalts</u>. <u>He raises up</u> the poor from the dust; <u>he lifts</u> the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.

#### God Is the hero of the story

1 Samuel 2:9 (ESV)-He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail.

### God Is the perfect King

1 Samuel 2:10 (ESV)-The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; <u>he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed</u>.

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Here is The Point: Follow the good King!