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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?

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Unit 10 • Session 3

SAUL SINNED AND WAS REJECTED

1 Samuel 13-15

WHY DOES SIN SEPARATE US FROM GOD? BECAUSE GOD IS HOLY, SIN HAS BROKEN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

King Saul gathered an army and took some of the men into the hill country. Israel's enemies, the Philistines, came out to fight. The Israelites were outnumbered. They were all afraid; some of them hid. Saul wanted to ask God for help. Maybe if he made an offering to God, they would win the battle.

There was one problem: only the priests, like Samuel, were allowed to give offerings to God. Saul waited, but Samuel did not come. Saul's soldiers started to leave, so Saul decided to make an offering to God himself.

Then Samuel showed up. "You have disobeyed God," Samuel said. "You will not be king much longer. God is going to find someone obedient to be king."

Some time later, Samuel came to Saul with a message from God. God wanted Saul to attack the Amalekites. God wanted Saul to destroy everything, but after Saul defeated the Amalekites, he only destroyed things that weren't valuable.

Samuel confronted Saul. "I did obey Him!" Saul argued. "I only saved the best animals to sacrifice to the Lord."

Samuel asked, "Does God care more about obedience or sacrifices? You rejected His instruction, so God has rejected you as king."

Christ Connection: God gave the Israelites a king, but Saul did not obey God. God had a plan to send His Son, Jesus. King Jesus trusted and obeyed God perfectly and died so sinners could be forgiven and accepted.