

Failure vs Forgiveness

Saul's Failures

- I. Saul _____ from his responsibilities (I Sam. 10:22-24)
- II. Saul offered _____ to God
(I Sam. 13:7b-14)
- III. Saul gives a _____ command (I Sam. 14:24-30)
- IV. Saul does _____ obey God's command (I Sam. 15:13-26)
- V. Saul's _____ drives him to try and kill David (I Sam. 18:6-9 also Ch. 19-26)
- VI. Saul uses a medium to summon Samuel when God would not _____ him (I Sam. 28:4-20)

Saul's Final Failure

- I. The Philistines _____ Saul's sons and wound Saul (I Sam. 31:1-3)
- II. Saul asks his armor bearer to _____ him (I Sam. 31:4a)
- III. Saul and his armor bearer take their _____
_____ (I Sam. 31:4b-6)
- IV. The Israelites in the area _____ their cities (I Sam. 3:7a)
- V. The Philistines _____ their victory over Israel (I Sam. 31:7b-10)
 - A. They moved into the cities _____ by Israel
 - B. They cut off Saul's _____ and stripped off his _____
 - C. They send word to all the Philistines describing their _____
 - D. They put Saul's armor in the _____
 - E. They _____ Saul and his sons to the wall of Beth Shan

Overcoming failure

- I. Many people never fully achieve God's will for their lives, because they have a _____
(Four problems when we have a fear of failing)
 - A. _____
 - B. We start making _____
 - C. We start _____ on the wrong things
 - D. _____
- II. How do we overcome our failures?

- A. Remove our _____
 - B. Run back to _____ (Seek His forgiveness)
 - C. Create a new _____ for God
 - D. Focus (Or refocus) on God's plan for _____
 - E. Find _____ by knowing that God will forgive us and still use us
- III. Failing isn't the problem; it is how we _____ with failing that can be the problem

Questions to Ponder

- I. When have you _____ God?
 - II. Have you _____ yourself and returned to God and His plan for you?
 - III. Have others ever _____ you?
 - IV. How do you treat them?
 - V. Do you understand the difference between _____ and thinking you are a _____?
 - VI. What have you _____ from your failures?
- VII. Reminder: True failure sets in when we _____ to get up and _____ to God's call**