

# SERMON NOTES

November 9 & 10, 2024

**In God We Trust:** How Not To Crash & Burn after an Election  
I Samuel 9 – 28

## Post-Election Commitments

- Be \_\_\_\_\_

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Outer Power – Measures \_\_\_\_\_

I Samuel 9:2, 21 | I Samuel 11:13

Inner Power – Measures \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 16:32

## King Saul – 42 Year Reign

Strong	Tormented Mind
Handsome	Pathological Jealousy
Impressive	Angry
Humble	Greedy
Gracious	Selfish
Loved by Many	Alone & Irrelevant

## Stages of Spiritual Deterioration:

1. Rationalize \_\_\_\_\_ to God I Samuel 13:7 – 12 | I Samuel 15:12 – 15, 35

2. Ignore \_\_\_\_\_ with God I Samuel 16:14, 23

3. Tolerate \_\_\_\_\_ I Samuel 18:12 | I Samuel 20:3 – 33

4. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Samuel 28:5-6, 16, 19

# Life Steps

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## Monday

**I Samuel 9:2, 21; 11:12-13**

**Reflect:** What kind of person was Saul before he became King? Why do you think there is truth in the statement, “power corrupts”?

**Prayer:** Pray by name for the wellbeing of our president elect, vice president elect and all who will be involved in the transition of power.

## Tuesday

**I Samuel 13:7-12; 15:12-15**

**Reflect:** What changed when Saul became King? How did the weekend message help you process the final outcome of the election and its ripple impact?

**Prayer:** Pray for the administration of Joe Biden as they help pave the way for Trump and Vance to begin their elected roles.

## Wednesday

**I Samuel 15:22-23, 25**

**Reflect:** How did Samuel and God react to the deterioration of Saul’s leadership and character? How do you customarily react when you learn of someone who has “fallen” from leadership?

What does this say about you?

**Prayer:** Pray for as many as you can by name for the wellbeing of any candidates you voted for.

## Thursday

**I Samuel 31:1-6**

**Reflect:** Revisit your notes and the 4 stages of Saul’s spiritual deterioration. Which of these stages are you doing right now? What changes do you need to make to get back on track and/or to strengthen your relationship with God?

**Prayer:** Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, and fill me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

## Friday

**Romans 12:14-16**

**Reflect:** Pastor Rick asked us to make three postelection commitments. The first was to “be humble.” What do these 3 verses teach us about humility? In light of how you voted in the presidential election, how will you be humble?

**Prayer:** God, like your son, help me to empty myself and to treat others with dignity and respect.

## Saturday

**Romans 12:9-13**

**Reflect:** What clues does this passage give you in how to honor our second post-election commitment, “be loving”?

**Prayer:** God, help me to be more loving even towards those with whom I do not agree, understand or even like.

## Sunday

**Romans 13:1-7**

**Reflect:** Offering support to an elected official who does not represent well your beliefs and values and being “subject” to their authority can be challenging. What do you sense God saying to you through this passage? How will you honor our third commitment to “be supportive” of our president elect and his administration?

**Prayer:** God, bless our president elect and bless our nation. Help me be a good citizen, a good American and most of all, a faithful follower of your son, Jesus the resurrected Christ.