

## Shadow King Saul: 3 Dilemmas in the Life of a Tragic Hero

### 1 Samuel 8-15

1. Will you defend your brothers?
2. Will you wait for the right time?
3. Will you obey completely?

### Conclusion

*God delights in simple obedience.*

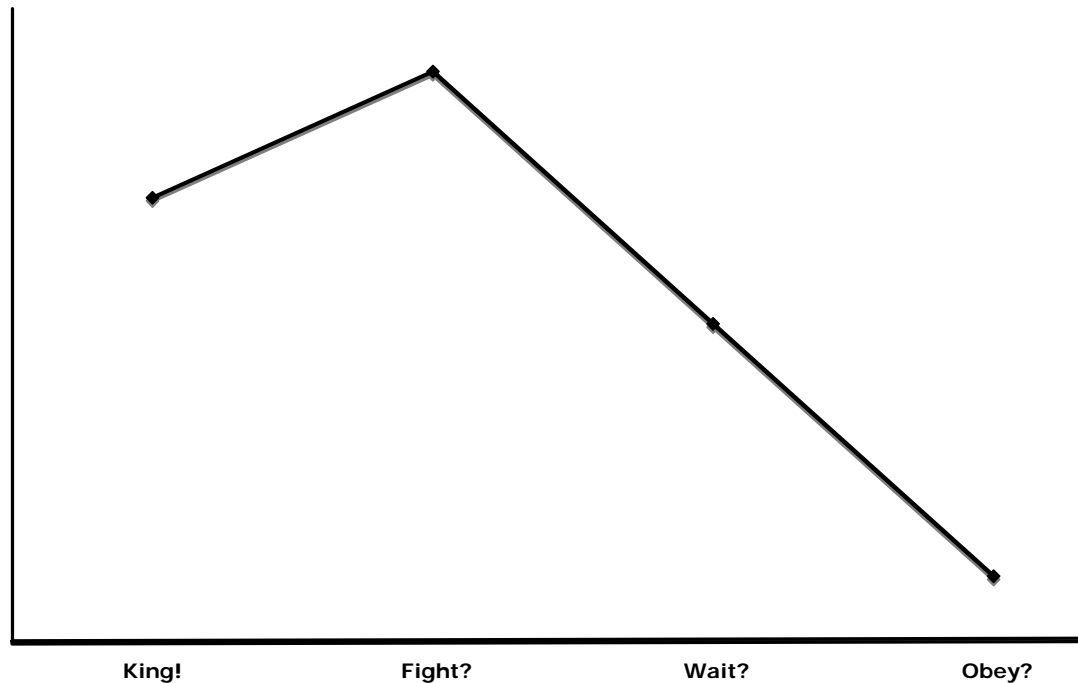
“The common denominator of Saul’s reign, from his installation to his death, is that he inexcusably refuses to believe God.”<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Bruce Waltke, *An Old Testament Theology*, p. 634.



### 3 Dilemmas in the Life of Saul



#### Discussion/Application

1. Read Saul's 'confessions' in 15:13-15 and 15:20-21. If he were part of your accountability group, how would you care for him? (Remember Kenneth Maresco's message from 10/7/07.)
2. What are Saul's flaws (cite the verses)? Do you see one fatal flaw? Where do you see yourself in him?
3. Fathers, how are you teaching your children the importance of simple obedience?
4. Are you descending, like Saul? Is your life beginning to spiral down because of decisions you've made? It is not too late to learn from Saul's negative example. Turn with humility to Jesus Christ.
5. Where is unbelief hindering you from simple obedience? How is your view of God deficient?

**Next week: David & Goliath, 1 Samuel 16-17**