



Don't Let Insecurity Destroy Your Life

MAIN THING

Insecurity Will Make You See Enemies When You Should See Friends

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 13:7-14, Romans 8:28, 1 Samuel 18:5-9, 1 Samuel 24:8-11, 1 Corinthians 15:33, Romans 8:38-39, Matthew 7:7-8, Galatians 1:10, 2 Timothy 4:7-8

ICEBREAKER

Not saying that someone is out to get me, but if they were, the first thing I would notice would be . . .

OPENING THOUGHT

The story of Saul is one of the most tragic stories in the Bible. He was the first king of Israel and started out great. However, his increasing insecurity caused him to make bad decisions, see enemies where there weren't any, and ultimately destroyed his life and legacy. His story is in the Bible for a reason- insecurity will do the same thing to us that it did to King Saul. Make your own mistakes- don't make his.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was the one thing that you heard this past Sunday that stuck out to you? Why did it resonate with you like it did?
2. The sermon identified three things that led to Saul's downfall- 1) He didn't believe God's promises, 2) He saw others' successes as his failures, and 3) He listened to gossips and backstabbers. Which of these have you seen in the lives of people around you? Do you see any of these in yourself?
3. The sermon identified four things to rid ourselves of insecurity: 1) Understand that God loves you, 2) Don't create self-fulfilling prophecies, 3) Live for the applause of God, and 4) Focus on faithfulness, not success. Which is the easiest to do? Which is the hardest?

LIFE APPLICATION

Insecurity has destroyed more potential in people than just about anything else in life. We've all worked under insecure bosses, worked with insecure coworkers, dated or married insecure people; maybe we've been that person. If you see your story reflected in the story of King Saul- if you see enemies where there are actually friends, if you make your decisions based on everyone being against you, you can be sure that your life is on the path to ruin. If you were King Saul's advisor and you saw his life taking this direction, what one piece of advice would you give him?

CHALLENGE

Ironically, it's not only a lack of self-confidence that leads to insecurity. It's also ego and pride. People who are concerned with their successes and reputation struggle with insecurity, because the applause of people is their drug of choice. If this is you today- if you live and die on the opinions others have of you, it's time to change. We are to live for the applause of God and no one else. What one thing would you change right now if the only applause you cared about was God's?