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*Saul: A Tragic Portrait
of Independent Restlessness*

1 Samuel 15

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1. The independent restlessness of incomplete obedience (15:1-9)

2. The independent restlessness of self-justification (15:10-15)

3. The independent restlessness of self-deception (15:16-23)

4. The danger of independent restlessness (15:24-35)

Table Talk

- 1) Why does God want every Amalekite killed, even the children? How does that square with God's love and compassion? (15:1-3)
- 2) What is "restlessness" as Pastor Scott described it? How does Saul reveal his restlessness in each of the four sections? How are you "restless"?
- 3) How does Saul justify his disobedience to the Lord? (15:13, 15, 20, 21) How are you influenced by what others think of you? Have you ever justified your own disobedience by shifting the blame to others?
- 4) Did you ever think that doing something good for God would make up for having failed the Lord? How does Samuel condemn that thinking? (15:22-23)
- 5) How is "restlessness" a form of idolatry? (15:29)
- 6) Why do you think that Saul was stripped of his kingship for his sins and David was not, when David's sins feel at least equal if not worse to us? (15:28-29) How is this a solemn warning to us?