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**SERIES** Some heroes look better from a distance.

Others - including a leader, a prime minister, a martyr, a boy, a bold woman and a man who lost everything - look better up close and personal. But no matter how you look at them, they've left epic legacies for us to examine as we create legacies

of our own.

Today's sermon discusses the King Saul's legacy and how he/we could be "My{our} Own Worst Enemy." Furthermore, he gives examples on what not to do and to Trust in Jesus in order to be and not to act authentic in our lives.

- 1. Can you think of a situation or period in your life when you were your own worst enemy? If so what did you learn? Do you think it is easier to see this in yourself or in others? Why?
- 2. During the message, Pastor Jager said, "Sometimes the worst thing that can happen is for God to give us what we want." Would you say this has ever been true in your life or the life of someone you know? How can you make sure that you are using your gifts the way God intended them to be used?
- 3. Read I Samuel 15:24-25. If someone is truly sorry, do you think their prior disobedience matters? Why or why not? Why is our obedience so important to God?
- 4. Please read Romans 7:21-25, In light of what the Apostle Paul says in Romans 7, how do you think we should respond when we find ourselves in conflict with our own desires? Why does Paul say, "Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord"?
- 5. Pastor Jager challenged us to stop "playing a role" and to be ourselves. What can you do this week to live up to that challenge, and is Jesus at the center of it all? When have you permitted external influences to prevent you from that in which you feel you were designed? What was the end result?
- 6. What spiritual disciplines can you follow or steps can you take in your life to build the courage needed to jump into God's calling?
- 7. What are your strengths/gift/s? What are your weaknesses? If you are weak in a particular area, how can you overcome those weaknesses? What did Saul do to overcome his weaknesses?
- 8. As a Christ follower what are some non-negotiables in your life? Have you ever compromised a non-negotiable? Why? When you compromised this non-negotiable, what was the result? When you do not compromise a non-negotiable, what is the result?
- 9. Is it difficult for you to trust in something you can't see, feel, touch? For those who have a relationship with their Holy Spirit, how do you build trust in Him? What are some spiritual disciplines you can do to build a stronger relationship and begin to trust Him?

As you focus your eyes on the application of today's message and the possibility of being authentic in all areas of our lives. Please consider getting closer to your best friend daily, praying, thinking, studying and surrendering our lives to Jesus Christ.