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SERIES: I Samuel, Part 1 (The Heart of a Leader)

TUESDAY

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What do you do, Beloved, when you insist on having your way? You want what you want; you tell God you've got to have it. You know from God speaking in His Word that you shouldn't have it. But you go your own way and then time passes and you look back and you say, O no, what have I done. The question is: what have you done and is there any recovery from what you've done? We'll look at the answer to that on today's Precepts for Life.

PART ONE

Well beloved, we have come to 1 Samuel, chapter 12. And if you'll remember back in 1 Samuel, chapter 8 the children of Israel are insisting on having a king. They want to be like other nations. They want a leader that they can see, a leader that they can hear with their own ears. They want a leader that's going to go out to battle right in front of them and they will know that that leader is theirs. You know that Samuel is so distressed. And you know that God comes to Samuel and He says listen Samuel, they

haven't rejected you; they've rejected Me. It's Me that they have rejected. And although God warns them what a king is going to do, they still insist on having their own way. Well some time has passed and now they have their king. And their king's name as you know is Saul. And what I want us to do is I want us to pick up now in 1 Samuel, chapter 12. But I want to go back and go to verse 14 of chapter 11, and start there and move right into this context. Now, as we're learning how to study the Bible, how to discover truth for ourselves so that we know that we know, remember we're going to observe the text. We're going to discover what does it say. What is God saying here, because you're never going to know what God means until you know what He says? So as we go through 1 Samuel, chapter 12 there are some words I want you to mark. And the first word that I want you to mark is the word cry or cried. I want you of course to mark sin and wickedness. We've been marking these words. You want to mark heart because heart is important. You say how do I mark all of these things? Well, if you have not yet downloaded your study guide for 1 Samuel you need to do that. You just go to preceptsforlife.com and download that study guide. You say Kay, how much will it cost? Beloved, it won't cost you a thing. We want you to study God's Word along with us. We want you to know His precepts for life. So go to preceptsforlife.com and download that study guide. So we're going to mark cry. You're going to take a red pen and just make a big C over every reference to cry. I color sin and wickedness brown. I put a red heart over heart. So that's where we're going to start and I have some other words, and if you have your study guide you know that. But remember also, that as we read the Word of God we want to find out where things are happening and so we double-underline in green every geographical reference. You say I don't want to that in my Bible. It's a wonderful book and, and you need to mess it up a little bit so that you get use to it so that you use your Bible. But remember if you've downloaded that study guide you've got the whole text of 1 Samuel there. Verse 14 of 1 Samuel 11: "Then Samuel said to the people, 'Come and let us go to Gilgal...,' (1Samuel 11:14a) So you want to double-underline Gilgal. "...and renew the kingdom there."(11:14b) Now Gilgal was a very important spot. Gilgal is where they came when they crossed the Jordan. Gilgal is where they were circumcised when they came

out of the land of Egypt and then they wandered in the wilderness for 40 years, and then they finally crossed that Jordan River, then God had them stop and in the face of all the enemies He circumcised the men, because circumcision was a sign of the covenant. And so Gilgal was where their reproach, (I want you to remember that), that's why I'm going back in and reviewing. So Gilgal, precious one, is where their reproach was rolled away. So remember they have sinned. They have sinned in asking for a king. They have the king, but now God is going to take them by Samuel, through Samuel, back to Gilgal and watch what happens. So the people went to Gilgal, and there they made king Saul, king before the Lord in Gilgal. Here is the official inauguration of the king or the crowning of the king of the kingdom of Israel, the twelve tribes of the twelve sons of Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel. There they also offered sacrifices of peace offerings before the Lord; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly. Chapter 12, verse 1: "Then Samuel said to all Israel, 'Behold, I have listened to your voice in all that you said to me and I have appointed a king over you.'" (1 Samuel 12:1) I've listened. This is what you wanted and this is what you're getting. He says, "[And] Now, here[']s the king walking before you, but I am old and gray, and behold my sons are with you. And I have walked before you from my youth even to this day. Here I am; bear witness against me before the Lord and His anointed." (12:2-3a) Now who is His anointed? Well we remember that Saul was anointed as king. And if you will go back to chapter 10 of 1 Samuel, it says in verse 1: "Then Samuel took the flask of oil, poured it on his head, [Saul's head] kissed him and said, 'Has not the Lord anointed you a ruler over His inheritance?'" (10:1) So he's standing there, Samuel's standing there and Saul is standing beside him. Now this is why we go back to chapter 11 to verse 14, because you can see that there's a chapter break. And when you're studying the Bible you always want to look at the verses that proceed where you're going to begin to make sure that you're in context. So they're at Gilgal, and he's saying okay, I'm standing here with you. I have been your judge. You have said you don't want another judge. You have said that you don't want my sons. All right, so I'm standing here; I have listened to you. I have anointed this man as king. And he says but I want you to know that, "...before the Lord and [before] His

anointed. Whose ox have I taken, or whose donkey have I taken, or whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed, [and] from whose hand have I taken a bribe to blind my eyes with it? I will restore it to you.”(12:3) I’m standing here; I’ve been your judge. Now tell me, have I dealt with you honestly? Have I dealt with you fairly? And if I haven’t then you speak up right now and I will restore anything that you think that I have taken. Now that’s integrity beloved. And that’s what you want to look for. That’s what you want to look for in another man, in another woman. But that’s most of all what you want to be so that when you look at someone you know that you have done right before them. And as he’s standing there they know that he’s done right. But they’re about to be convicted that they haven’t done right. Now why is Samuel going to do this? Well he has a purpose, and that purpose is restoration. So beloved, if you for the first time happen to chance in on this program Precepts for Life, I want you to tell you something, it’s not by accident. It’s by divine appointment, because God wants to show you how you can recover from the mistakes that you’ve made, how you can recover from insisting on walking in your own way and doing your own thing, even though you knew that you shouldn’t do it. You married someone; you knew that you shouldn’t do it, and yet you did it. Now what do you do? How do you live with yourself? You knew that you shouldn’t say something. You knew that you shouldn’t take something. You knew that you should have been honest, but you weren’t honest. How do you recover or is there no recovery? Well I wouldn’t be talking to you and this program wouldn’t be titled Precepts for Life if there were not recovery. Now it’s not an excuse to sin, but it does tell you hey, because God is God there is a way to recover from your sin, from your mistakes, from your rebellion. Well let’s go on. “[And] They said [to Samuel], ‘You have not defrauded us or oppressed us or taken anything from any man’s hand.’ [And] He said to them, ‘[Listen,] The Lord is witness against you, and His anointed is witness this day that you have found nothing in my hand.’ And they said, ‘He is witness.’”(12:4-5) He says okay, you’re the witness, and the one standing next to me, Saul is the witness also. And they said that’s right, he’s heard. “[And] Then Samuel said to the people, ‘It is the Lord who appointed Moses and Aaron and who brought your fathers up from the land of Egypt. So now,

take your stand, that I may plead with you before the Lord concerning all the righteous acts of the Lord which He did for you and your fathers.”(12:6-7) He says I want to talk to you guys. He said I want to talk to each one of you. So he’s saying be at rest men. And you can just picture a group military men all of a sudden you know, from going straight up, spreading their legs, putting their hands behind their back in a relaxed mode to hear what the general is going to say. And he’s going to take them back and he’s going to remind them of who they are. He’s going to remind them of what God has done for them. He’s going to plead before them, listen carefully; the righteous acts of the Lord. You see, Beloved, when you and I make a mistake, when we blow it, we blow it because we don’t trust God, because we think that our actions and our plans and our strategy is really better for us than what God has planned. And so instead of listening to God we walk our own way. So now Samuel wants them to recover. And what he’s going to do is he’s going to help them recover by first of all reminding them of who God is, reminding them of God’s righteous acts. Now when we talk about righteous acts we’re talking about things that were done right, things that were done properly, things that were done with integrity and justice and kindness and mercy and uprightness. That’s what we’re talking about and that’s what we’re going to look at. And we’re going to look at it when we come back right after this break.

PART TWO

Welcome back my friend. By the way, do you know how very thankful I am to God for you? And do you know how much I treasure your notes telling me what God is doing and what you’re learning and how much you love to go through the Bible verse by verse and to mark the text and discover truth for yourself? It’s so encouraging. And I also want to thank you for your support. I want you to know that God has ordained to support His work through His people. And your support of this ministry is so desperately, desperately needed, because I mean it’s our ministry, yours and mine together, reaching people through this wonderful medium of radio. Well let’s go back and rehearse with Samuel the righteous acts of the Lord, and

let's see what he reminds them of. It says in verse 8: "When Jacob went into Egypt and your fathers cried...", (12:8a) You say hey, there's cried. That's right, and you're going to put a red C over it, okay, a red, not the Red Sea, the water, a red C the letter. Okay, "...and your fathers cried out to the Lord, then the Lord sent Moses and Aaron who brought your fathers out of Egypt and settled them in this place." (12:8) Now let's just stop. All right we marked cried. Why do we mark a word? Well, I, I know that this is review for many of you, but we mark a word because it's repeated. We mark a word because it's very important to understanding the text. We mark a word because we want to go back and find out hey, what can I learn from crying to the Lord? And what we see is they cried to the Lord and then, then. And so, over the then I've drawn a clock, because it's a time phrase. And as you study this way beloved, what you begin to see hey, there is an action and then there's a result. And so they cry to the Lord, then the Lord hears. And I just wonder if you've blown it, have you gone back to the Lord and have you cried to the Lord? If you're in a difficult spot have you cried to the Lord or are you trying to figure out on your own how to get out of it? Well the children of Israel had been in bondage for 400 years and finally they cried out to the Lord. And when they cried out to the Lord we know from Exodus, chapter 2 "Then God heard their cry and He remembered His covenant and He delivered them through Moses and through Aaron." And so there's a cause and effect here. And you need to remember that God wants you to live a life of complete and total dependence crying out to Him on every situation. That's what it means in a sense to pray without ceasing. And then trusting God to come through for you because you're His child and because you want His will. Now watch verse 9. It says, "But they forgot the Lord their God...", (12:9a) Now here's your contrast. But is a term of contrast. And so what he's going to show them is hey, you started out well, but you forgot the Lord. "...so He [God] sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the army of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them." (12:9) So now what he's done is he's taken them into the days of Judges. And in the days of Judges they're settled in the land, but every man's doing what's right in their own eyes. And because they do what's right in their own eyes, because they forget the Lord

God and they try to handle life themselves then God has to judge them. And so He judges them, and many times beloved and you may not like to hear this and the world doesn't like to hear a lot of things that are biblical; but anyway you need to hear them and I'm going to tell them, I'm going to tell you and you can always trust me, you can always trust me to fear God's face more than I fear yours, and to remember that I'm not in a popularity contest because I only have one that I'm to please and that's God. And so I'm going to be honest with you. And you need to see God judge's sin. I mean He judges sin in the life of a sinner, but He judges sin even more in the life of a believer. When you read Peter it says ["...judgment has to begin at the house of God...;"] (1Peter 4:17 NKJV) And, and so, because we're His kids, and because we're to live righteously. And so He reminds them. Now watch what happens again. "[And] They cried out to the Lord..." so put your C there, "...and said, 'We have sinned...,' Draw it brown, color it brown, "...'because we have forsaken the Lord and [we] have served the Baals and the Ashtaroth; but now deliver us from the hands of the our enemies, and we will serve [Thee].'" (1Samuel 12:10) Now one of the things that I want you to mark and another key word is the word serve. We will serve Thee. All right, so you pick a color for serve or you pick a diagram for serve or right now, if you don't know what to do, just underline it. We will serve Thee. So once again remember they do wrong, they cry to God, God hears. They forget God and God deals with them, then they cry to God. Now here God is going to deliver them again. This is your God. And where we make the mistake is we think, you know, I can't come back to God again. I can't ask for forgiveness again. Well if Jesus would tell Peter, you know when he says ["how often should I forgive someone, and He says seventy times seven."] (paraphrasing Matthew 18:21-22) You know, is it seventy times seven? And He's saying look you keep forgiving. Well if God's telling us to forgive then God has to forgive also because God sets the pattern. And you and I need to know and we mess up in our lives when we forget that God is there to cover our mistakes, not that we willfully sin, but when we do blow it we don't walk away from God and say what's the use, but we come back. So look at verse 11. "Then the Lord sent Jerubbaal and Bedan..." which is another word for Barak. "...and Jephthah and Samuel..." these are all

judges, "...and delivered you from the hands of your enemies all around, so that you lived in security. [And] When you saw that Nahash the king of the sons of Ammon came against you, you said to me, 'No, but a king shall reign over us,' although the Lord your God was your king." (1 Samuel 12:11-12) He says then you blew it again. You blew it again because you looked at the sons of Ammon and you saw that they had a king and so you wanted to be like them. He says, "...although the Lord was your king." (12:12b) you did this. He says, "Now therefore, here[']s the king..." Remember he's standing right there. His name is Saul. You've got it, "...whom you have chosen, whom you have asked for, and behold, the Lord has set a king over you." (12:13) And he goes on to say, "If you will fear the Lord..." and this is another word you want to mark, "...and serve Him, and listen..." (12:14a) Now you want to put a green ear over listen, because you want to mark listen. It's very important. "...and listen to His voice and not rebel against the command of the Lord, then both you and also the king who reigns over you will follow the Lord your God. [And] If you will not listen..." a green ear with a slash through it, "...to the voice of the Lord, but rebel against the command of the Lord, then the hand of the Lord will be against you, as it was against your fathers. Even now, take your stand and see this great thing which the Lord will do before your eyes." (12:14b-16) Well beloved, I've got to stop with that because we're about out of time. But I want us to stop and see one important thing. He's saying okay, you wanted a king, you got a king; he's standing right here. But it is not over. I'm calling you now to fear God. I'm calling you to serve Him. I'm calling you to listen to Him and go forward, go forward. And this is the message. All right, when you blow it, when you mess up God doesn't want to say to you, it's over; I'm threw with you, because God's not that way. He's the God of all hope. And what He's saying to you today, listen carefully; is you can go forward. We'll talk about it more in the next program.