

Life Lessons From 1 Samuel - From Revival to Rejection:
The Problem of Surrender to God
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Revival comes about through a process of realizing how far we have strayed from God and His truth (1 Sam 7:2-17)

True revival takes us to a new understanding of our foolishness and God's grace and power....

- It requires first of all that we have genuine repentance (vs 2-4; 2 Cor 7:10)
- It requires that we honestly confess our sins (vs 5-6; Psalm 62:8; 22:15; Lam 2:19; 1 John 1:8-10)
- It requires sustained prayer (vs 7-9; Eph 6:18; Phil 4:4-8; 1 Thess 5:17; Psalm 99:6; Zech 4:6)
- It requires obedient faith (vs 10-11; Psalm 20:6-7)
- It requires assurance of God's faithfulness (vs 12-17; Joshua 4:9; Phil 1:6; 1 Thess 5:24; Heb 10:23)

We must be careful of the danger that humility may give way to human pride and a rejection of God's rule (1 Sam 8:1-22)

- We must guard our hearts from the pursuit of worldliness (vs 1-9; Exo 19:5-6; 1 Cor 3:18-20; 1 John 2:15-17; 2 Tim 4:9-10)
Result = to pursue worldliness is a rejection of God (vs 7)
- We must carefully consider the consequences of our choices (vs 10-22; Gen 13:10-13; 2 Sam 12:10-12,18; Prov 22:3)
Result = sometimes God will give us our desire in order to discipline us (vs 19-22; Psalm 106:15)

Life Lesson:

Spiritual transformation will *not take place* without a deep sense of God's holiness and a corresponding awareness of the greatness of my sin and unworthiness before the Lord.