

# EXPERIENCE THE LAND AND THE BOOK

SAUL: A STUDY IN TRAGEDY

1 SAMUEL 9, 13–15, 17, 28, 31; 2 SAMUEL 1:19–27



## The Heart of the Matter

A special grief exists when a life is *not* well lived. We love to celebrate the stories of those who have finished well. But of those whose lives bear the consequences of poor decisions and slow erosion, we sadly sigh and wonder what could have been . . . and then, in personal, private moments, we wonder how *our* lives will end. Will *we* finish well? Are *we* on a good track? Discover from the tragic life of one of the Bible's greatest examples of failed potential just what it means when we don't take God seriously.



## Discovering the Way

### 1. A Life Well Begun (1 Samuel 9)

Saul had everything going for him. He was tall, handsome, and humble . . . and anointed by Samuel to be God's choice for Israel's king.

### 2. A Life *Not* Well Ended (1 Samuel 13–15; 17; 28; 31; 2 Samuel 1:19–27)

Saul made five major errors in judgment because his character had become corrupted. He slowly eroded into a paranoid, frightened shell of a man who ended his life in suicide.



## Starting Your Journey

King Saul's life is a sobering study for any time. This is especially true for anyone who doesn't take God seriously. Rest assured; insensitivity to God always leads to a life adrift.



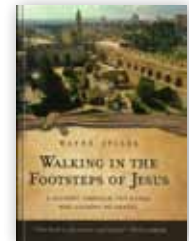
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