

For the week of August 30, 2015
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A Failed Hero

2nd week in the series "A Life of Passion: The Story of David."

1 Samuel 15:1-35

Before we begin the story of David, we need to summarize the reign of Saul, the first king of Israel. Saul was impressive, but didn't last long as king. He looked like a hero, but ended a failure. Everything looked great on the outside, but something was amiss within. His failure serves to highlight how different David will be. But it also challenges us to consider our own attitudes toward God and ask whether we are really open to God as the only hero who can truly save.

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you resonate with the idea of the Imposter Syndrome? Do you feel like you can't fulfill the responsibilities that you are supposed to or like you don't belong?
2. Are you tempted toward pragmatism at times? What do you do when something seems to make perfect sense, but violates the values of God?
3. Do you feel like you need to compensate for your insecurity? How do you do that?
4. How do you respond when confronted? Are you defensive?
5. What can help you to own up to your own brokenness and depend on God? What makes that a hard thing to do? In what settings are you most able to do it?