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[17] Samuel said, “Although you were once small in your own eyes, did you not become the head of the tribes of Israel? The LORD anointed you king over Israel.

[18] And he sent you on a mission, saying, ‘Go and completely destroy those wicked people, the Amalekites; wage war against them until you have wiped them out.’

[19] Why did you not obey the LORD? Why did you pounce on the plunder and do evil in the eyes of the LORD?”

[20] “But I did obey the LORD,” Saul said. “I went on the mission the LORD assigned me. I completely destroyed the Amalekites and brought back Agag their king.

[21] The soldiers took sheep and cattle from the plunder, the best of what was devoted to God, in order to sacrifice them to the LORD your God at Gilgal.”

[22] But Samuel replied: “Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.

[23] For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has rejected you as king.”

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Living _____ *means living* _____.

1. _____ ways we _____.

- We _____ little of ourselves – and we _____ little of God. (v17)
- We _____ to see the truth. (v20)
- We _____ others. (v21)

2. _____ ways which lead us to _____.

- We _____ God first – in ALL things.
 - Partial obedience is _____.
 - _____ humbly.

Philippians 2:5-11 ...Who, being in very nature God did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant ...

- We _____ God and His guidance.

Psalms 19:14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

- We _____ in the paths of righteousness that lead to obedience.

- _____ - _____
- _____ - _____
- _____ - _____

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Heartfelt thanks and love for our FBCCov family.

Martha and I want you to know how appreciative we are for your love and care for us for over 30 years at First Baptist Church. Our thankfulness for that love and encouragement has never been greater than right now. We are grateful for your prayers for Martha's health and your encouragement that you have given us with your texts, emails, phone calls, and so many other ways of blessing us.

We are so thankful we have a loving church family. We know that our God is good and kind. We know He is holding us in His hands – there is no better place that we can be!

As we go through this time, Martha and I want to seek to minister and to be encouragement to you as we have been in the past. We recognize there will be times when that can't be the case, but the congregation as a whole, the deacons, and the other pastors will lead with great expertise and loving care.

So, let us continue to love, encourage, and pray for one another as we go through this.

Waylon Boring