

Sermon Application Study

August 31, 2025

Target Passage → 1 Samuel 14:47-15:35

1. How does Saul compromise the commandment given to him by the Lord? Why does he do this? Does Saul believe he has fulfilled God's commandment? Explain.
2. What's Saul's excuse for his behavior? Where does he shift the blame once he has been called out by Samuel?
3. Once Saul is out of excuses, what is his new tactic for getting out of trouble with the Lord?
4. Do you think Saul really understands what he has done? What is he missing in his relationship with the Lord?

Bridge Passages (for further study) → Deuteronomy 25:17-19, Matthew 15:1-9, Luke 6:46-49

For Me →

1. What are some ways people in the Christian community can compromise their faithfulness to Christ similar to what we see in Saul?
2. What are some areas in your own life where you find yourself compromising on commands from the Lord?

For the Mission →

1. How does compromise with sin within the church community hurt the mission of the church?
2. What effect do you think honest repentance over compromised actions or beliefs would have on the non-Christian's perception of the Christian community?

PRAYER FOCUS

Ask the Lord to show you where in your heart and mind you are making compromises and excuses for your sin. Spend some time in repentance.