

THE DESIRE TO STAND OUT

I Samuel 13:14

INTRODUCTION:

- A. As followers of Christ, we are commanded to stand out from the world around us (Rom. 12:2).
- B. While many of us may acknowledge we have been commanded by God to stand out, we may not fully understand what it means to live a life that stands out from the world.
- C. What if standing out has less to do with our Sundays and more to do with how we live the rest of the week?

TRANSITION: After Saul, God gave Israel a king who was different from all the other nations. Unlike Saul, David was a king after God's own heart (I Sam. 13:14) who lived his life standing out from others.

DAVID STOOD UP FOR GOD WHEN OTHERS BACKED DOWN (I Sam. 17).

- A. Saul and all of Israel were greatly afraid of Goliath (I Sam. 17:11, 24).
- B. David was not afraid of the giant. He was willing to stand up and fight Goliath (I Sam. 17:32-51).
- C. We stand out when we are willing to stand up to the frightening enemies who defy God (I Cor. 16:13; Phil. 1:27-28).

DAVID RESPONDED WITH KINDNESS WHEN REVENGE WAS EASIEST (II Sam. 9).

- A. Saul wanted to kill David and he made no secret about it (I Sam. 18:8-11; 19:1).
- B. David was kind to Jonathan's son because of a promise/covenant he had made with both, Saul and Jonathan (I Sam. 20:14-17; 41-42; I Sam. 24:21-22).
- C. We stand out when we are willing to extend kindness to others who don't deserve it (Acts 10:38; Col. 3:12).

DAVID ACKNOWLEDGED HIS WRONGS WHEN BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION (2 Sam. 12).

- A. Saul looked to cast blame elsewhere when he was confronted with his wrongs (I Sam. 13:8-14; 15:9-21).
- B. David was not a man without sin. He made plenty of mistakes but was willing to admit his sins (2 Sam. 12:13; Psa. 51).
- C. We stand out when we are willing to acknowledge our sins and wrong doings (Prov. 28:13; Jam. 5:16).

CONCLUSION:

- A. Ask yourself, "Am I living a life that stands out from the world, or have I conformed to the ways of the world?"
- B. We must desire to stand out from the crowd because many of them are heading down the wrong path (Matt. 7:13-14).
- C. Let's renew our minds to have a heart for God and stand out from the world.