

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: June 22, 2022**  
**1 Samuel 15:22-34**

1. What happened in our last Bible Study?
  - a. God purposed to punish the Amalekites for how they had treated Israel when they were being delivered from Egypt into the promised land.
  - b. God called Saul to destroy the Amalekites completely.
  - c. Saul spared the king and allowed his men to spare the best of the animals.
  - d. God told Samuel that he regretted that he had made Saul king.
  - e. Samuel came down and corrected Saul.
  - f. Saul defended and justified himself, saying he had obeyed God despite clear evidence to the contrary.
  
2. What does Samuel say about God in verses 22? \_\_\_\_\_  
What does Samuel say in verse 23a? \_\_\_\_\_  
What does Samuel say in verse 23b? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do we believe what Samuel said about rebellion and arrogance or do we believe something else?  
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3. How does Saul respond to this correction, according to verses 24-25?
  - a. He finally recognizes the depth of his sin...that it can't be justified and downplayed because it isn't as bad as other things that he considers worse.
  - b. Saul admits that he is the leader, but he did not have the confidence to stand up for what is right when others pressured him.
  - c. He begs for forgiveness and wants to return to his previous state, where the hand of God (through Samuel) is with him and he is in right standing with God.
  
4. How does Samuel respond, according to verse 26? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Does this response scare us? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ Explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Is it possible that God would ever respond this way to us? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ Explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What happens in verses 27-29? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- What about in verses 30-31? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- What about in verse 34? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. How do we reconcile these responses? And what can we say about our understanding of repentance and forgiveness based on what we see here?
  - a. God doesn't forgive.
  - b. God forgives, but he does not necessarily take away the consequences of sin.
  - c. God can restore relationship, but he doesn't necessarily restore position or authority.
  
7. What does Samuel do in verses 32-33? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Why is this important to the story? \_\_\_\_\_  
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