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To reject God's **WORD** is to reject His **AUTHORITY**.  
To reject God's **AUTHORITY** is to reject **GOD HIMSELF**.

Simply put, Saul has chosen himself as **KING**.

Is there true **REPENTANCE** without **REMORSE**?

What worth is a **KINGDOM** without the **WORD**?

### The true hero takes over:

1 Samuel 16, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 2 Chronicles 16:9, John 15:18-25

There is a time to **MOURN** and a time to **MOVE FORWARD**.

Sometimes God needs to save us from our **SAVIORS**.

Irony: Kings and cultures will reject the very **SALT** and **LIGHT**  
sent to **DELIVER** them.

### Observations from the opening scenes:

The true King will never **LOSE CONTROL** of His Kingdom,  
or be **SURPRISED** by yours.

If we want to have real **SIGNIFICANCE** and **IMPACT**,  
we will focus on our **HEART**,  
not on what others **SEE**.

## Food for Thought for the week of January 9, 2022

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1. During the kickoff of the new sermon series, Chris shared a few observations we could reflect on from the beginning of David's story. David's life will reveal his ongoing struggle with feeling significant. Can you think of someone in your life who recently has made you feel important, seen or valued? Was there anything out of the ordinary they did to make you feel that way?

The good news is that we don't have to earn our worth because, as children of God, we have significance. How do the following passages reinforce your sense of significance?

***Ephesians 2:10 New International Version (NIV)***

*<sup>10</sup>For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

***Jeremiah 29:11 New International Version (NIV)***

*<sup>11</sup>For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

***Psalms 139:13-14 New International Version (NIV)***

*<sup>13</sup>For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
<sup>14</sup>I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.*

2. The weekend's message challenged us to redirect our focus to the development of our heart versus our outward identity. Chris pointed out how Saul focused almost exclusively on his outward identity while David demonstrated a great commitment to developing his heart. What do you learn about how David engaged in developing his heart from the following verses?

***Psalms 26:2 New International Version (NIV)***

*<sup>2</sup>Test me, LORD, and try me,  
examine my heart and my mind;*

***Psalms 51:10 New International Version (NIV)***

*<sup>10</sup>Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

***Psalms 19:14 Psalms 51:10 New International Version (NIV)***

*<sup>14</sup>May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart  
be pleasing in your sight,  
LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

***Psalms 139:23-24 New International Version (NIV)***

*<sup>23</sup>Search me, God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.  
<sup>24</sup>See if there is any offensive way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.*

What are a few ways you could work on developing your heart in this new year?