

# KING SAUL

## 掃羅王

### - Really Bad Examples Series - 真正壞例子系列

#### A. WHO WAS SAUL?

誰是掃羅？

- He was not a man of mighty character.  
他不是一個性格強大的人。
- He became the first King of Israel.  
他成為以色列的第一位國王。
- He was handsome and tall.  
他又帥又高大。

*...Saul was the most handsome man in Israel—head and shoulders taller than anyone else in the land. (1 Samuel 9:2)*

...掃羅在以色列人中最俊美的 — 頭和肩膀比這片土地上的任何人都高。(撒母耳記上 9:2)

#### B. WHAT WAS SAUL'S REALLY BAD EXAMPLE?

掃羅真正糟糕的例子是什麼？

1. Saul treated God's **commands** as if they were **suggestions**.

掃羅把神的**命令**當作**建議**。

*Now go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy all that belongs to them... (1 Samuel 15:3)*

現在你要去擊打亞瑪力人，滅盡他們所有的...(撒母耳記上 15:3)

*But Saul and the army spared Agag [King of the Amalekites] and the best of the sheep and cattle, the fat calves and lambs—everything that was good. These they were unwilling to destroy completely, but everything that was despised and weak they totally destroyed. (1 Samuel 15:9)*

掃羅和百姓卻憐惜亞甲(亞瑪力王)，也愛惜上好的牛、羊、牛犢、羊羔並一切美物，不肯滅絕。凡下賤瘦弱的，盡都殺了。(撒母耳記上 15:9)

2. Saul tried to **shift the blame** for his shortcomings.

掃羅試圖**轉移**對自己缺點的**指責**。

*Saul answered, "The soldiers brought them from the Amalekites; they spared the best of the sheep and cattle to sacrifice to the Lord your God, but we totally destroyed the rest."*

*(1 Samuel 15:15)*

掃羅說：「這是百姓從亞瑪力人那裡帶來的，因為他們愛惜上好的牛羊，要獻於耶和華你的神。其餘的我們都滅盡了。」(撒母耳記上 15:15)

3. Saul **pleased people** instead of God.

掃羅**取悅人**而不取悅神。

*Saul gave in and confessed, "I've sinned. I've trampled roughshod over God's Word and your instructions. I cared more about pleasing the people." (1 Samuel 15:24 MSG)*

掃羅屈服了，承認：「我犯了罪。我踐踏了神的話語和你的指示。我更關心取悅人民。」

(撒母耳記上 15:24 信息概要)

## C. WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM SAUL'S REALLY BAD EXAMPLE?

我們可以從掃羅真正糟糕的例子中學到什麼？

1. Following Christ means **obeying** God's commands.

跟隨基督意味著**遵守**神的命令。

*If you love me, keep my commands. (John 14:15)*

你們若愛我，就必遵守我的命令。(約翰福音 14:15)

2. Following Christ means **owning** our failures.

跟隨基督意味著**承認**我們的失敗。

*Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. (1 Peter 5:6)*

所以，你們要自卑，服在神大能的手下，到了時候他必叫你們升高。(彼得前書 5:6)

3. Following Christ means **overlooking** the crowd.

跟隨基督意味著俯瞰人群。

*Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. (Romans 12:2 MSG)*

不要完全調整自己來遷就你的文化，以至於你甚至沒有思考就融入其中。相反，把你的注意力集中在神身上。你會被徹底改變。(羅馬書 12:2 信息概要)

**BIG IDEA:** 今日主旨：

**YOUR DEEPEST CHARACTER FLAWS DON'T HAVE TO **DEFINE YOU**,**

**BUT YOU CAN ALLOW THEM TO **REFINE YOU**.**

你最深處的性格缺陷未必**定義你**，但你可以讓他們來**完善你**。

## **Discussion Question:**

### **討論問題：**

- **Share a story about when gave into peer pressure.**  
分享一個關於何時屈服於同輩壓力的故事。
- **Share a time where you've justified treating God's commands as suggestions. Why did you do so?**  
分享一次你有正當的將神的命令視為建議。你為什麼這麼做？
- **How do you own your failures?**  
如何看待你的失敗？
- **When you think of the 'Big Idea', what does the refining process look and feel like for you?**  
當你想到“今日主旨”時，這個精煉過程對你來說是什麼樣的？
- **What type of people could walk alongside you when you're struggling with people-pleasing rather than pleasing God?**  
當你掙扎著取悅他人而不是取悅神時，什麼樣的人會與你同行？