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## SERMON OUTLINE

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### Different character, different outcomes

1 Samuel 30-31

- I. The triumphant rise of godly David (1 Samuel 30)
  - A. CRISIS – David finds out the Amalekites burned his city and captured his people (30:1-8).
    - The godly find strength in God when they face loss, criticism or threats.
  - B. MIRACULOUS VICTORY – David sought God, pursued the Amalekites and got everything back (30:7-20).
    - The godly act on the basis of prayer.
    - The godly often experience God’s miracles.
  - C. GRACIOUS WITH REWARDS – David divided the spoil with the supply keepers and elders of Judah (30:21-30).
    - The godly seek to show grace to all.
    - The godly wisely develop strong friendships
- II. The tragic end of disobedient Saul (1 Samuel 31)
  - A. CRISIS AND TRAGEDY – Saul’s sons were killed in battle and Saul committed suicide (31:1-6).
    - Sin causes an innocent family to suffer.
  - B. HUMILIATING DEFEAT – Israelites fled from towns everywhere while the Philistines displayed the corpses of Saul and his sons (31:7-10)
    - Sin brings shame to God and his people.
  - C. HONOR IN SPITE OF DEFEAT – Brave Israelites from Jabesh Gilead removed the bodies, burned and buried them (31:11-13).
    - Godly people do honorable things in crisis.