

# Believing In the Basics (Vol. 2) (What You Believe About the S.E.T.)

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Series Summary: Believing In The Basics- Parts 1-4

- 1. The Power of What You Believe About You (What are your basic views about you?)
- 2. The Power of What You Believe About the "SET" (Scripture, Eternity, and Time)
- 3. The Power of Who You Believe Should Be in Your Life (Who has or is influencing you?)
- 4. The Power of What You Believe You Should Plan (Where are you really going?)

# I. Four Things We Will Review In More Detail Down the Road

- 1. What do you believe about **God**? (Is He a push-over or a serious person that means what He says?)
- 2. What do you believe about **scripture**? Is it a suggestion or a mandatory set of principles?
- 3. What do you believe about **eternity**? Is there eternal punishment for disobedience?
- 4. What do you believe about how much **time** you have to live?

#### II. Four Questions About Your Relationship With God

## 1. Is He a pushover, or a serious God who means what He says?

- Numbers 23:19 "—God is not human, that He should lie… Does He speak and then not act? Does He promise and not fulfill?"
- Hebrews 12:28–29 " –Our God is a consuming fire."
- Malachi 3:6 "-I the Lord do not change."
- Exodus 34:6–7 God is compassionate and gracious, yet He does not leave the guilty unpunished.
- Psalm 145:8–9 The Lord is gracious, compassionate, slow to anger, and rich in love.



## 2. What impact does your faith or confidence in God have on your life?

# Note: People who have faith hang around long enough to grow, learn and be blessed

- Hebrews 11:6 "-Without faith it is impossible to please God..."
- James 2:17–18 Faith without works is dead.

## 3. Who do you allow to influence your view of God?

- 1 Corinthians 15:33 "-Do not be misled: 'Bad company corrupts good character.'"
- Proverbs 13:20 "—Walk with the wise and become wise; a companion of fools suffers harm."

# 4. Is God really invited into your planning process?

- Proverbs 21:5 "—The plans of the diligent lead to profit…"
- Jeremiah 29:11 God's plans to prosper and give hope.
- Proverbs 16:3 Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans.

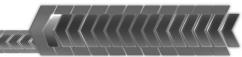
#### III. Four Observations About Saul's Belief In God

## 1. Saul Believed in God's Power, but Not God's Voice

- 1 Samuel 13:8–14 Saul grew impatient and offered the sacrifice himself instead of waiting for Samuel.
- He believed in God's power but did not respect God's order.
- He believed God exists but did not obey his voice.

#### 2. Saul Believed in God's Battles, but Not God's Boundaries

- 1 Samuel 15:7–11, 22–23 Saul spared King Agag and the best animals when God commanded complete destruction.
- He trusted God for victory but ignored God's instructions.





# 3. Saul Believed in God's Anointing, but Not God's Authority

- 1 Samuel 18:6–12 When David's success grew, Saul became jealous.
- He recognized God's anointing on David, but he resisted God's authority in choosing David.

Note: Resisting God's authority brings torment and insecurity.

#### 4. Saul Believed in God's Existence, but Not God's Guidance

- 1 Samuel 28:5–7 When God did not answer him, Saul turned to a medium.
- He believed God was real but did not believe God's silence was part of His guidance.

Note: When God is silent, wait on Him—don't turn to substitutes.

# **Closing:**

# IV. Four Observations About David's Relationship With God

#### 1. David Believed God's Voice Was Worth Waiting For

- 1 Samuel 23:1–4 Before going into battle, David inquired of the Lord twice to confirm His will.
- Unlike Saul. David did not move without God's direction.

Note: True belief in God means you wait on His timing, not just rush into action.

#### 2. David Believed God's Boundaries Were Not to Be Crossed

- 1 Samuel 24:4–7 David refused to kill Saul in the cave, even when pressured by his men.
- He honored God's command not to harm the Lord's anointed.

Note: Believing in God means respecting His boundaries, even when disobedience seems easier.

#### 3. David Believed Worshipping God was a good thing

• 2 Samuel 6:12–15, 21–22 – David danced before the Lord with all his might, unashamed of God's authority over him.



- He valued God's presence more than human approval.
- True belief in God leads to worship that honors Him, not ourselves.

# 4. David Believed God's Guidance Was Worth Seeking, Even After Failure

- Psalm 51:10–12 After his sin with Bathsheba, David repented and sought renewal from God. "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."
- He trusted God's mercy and guidance to restore him.
- Believing in God means trusting His forgiveness enough to return when you have failed.

# **Quick Summary:**

Are you David or Saul in this story?

**Next Time: The Power of Who You Let in Your Life** 

Big Question: Who has or is influencing you?