



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?