

Disappointment

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// **Bible References:** John 16:33; 1 Sam 2:26, 8:5, 15:35; 16:1,6-13; Gal 6:9; Psalm 51:17; 1 Cor 1:27-31

// **Community Question:** Who is your favorite dysfunctional family from tv or movie and why?

// **Discussion Questions:**

1. Ben described various types of unmet expectations that can lead to disappointment, like marriage not getting easier or not achieving certain career goals. What are some common expectations we have in life that have led to disappointment? Think of a specific expectation you had that didn't turn out as you hoped. How did you feel then, and how does it influence your current perspective on life?
2. Ben pointed out that disappointment can lead to poor decisions and compromise. What steps can you take in your own life to prevent disappointment leading to negative actions or choices?
3. Ben shared that some of us may feel like a disappointment to God but reminded us that God does not judge us based on our successes or failures, but on our inner character and intentions. How can this understanding change the way you perceive yourself? Also, how might God's perspective on you change the way you view others in your life?
4. **Going Deeper:** Read 1 Sam16:1, Gal 6:9. Ben explained how Samuel dealt with disappointment when his plans failed by continuing to obey God's command, even when Saul, his sons, and the people of Israel let him down. How did Samuel demonstrate resilience and faith in God? Can you recall a time when you felt disappointed when your plans fell apart, but chose to keep going?

// **Challenge:** Ben encouraged us not to quit trusting God because God has not quit on us. How can we as a group encourage those who are dealing with disappointment this week?