

## Discussion Questions from Resolved: Saul's Sinful Choices Sermon May 31, 2026

Resolved means firmly decided; settled in purpose; determined without wavering.

It describes an inner decision that has already been made. A resolved heart is a steadfast heart and in context of the church, the heart is supposed to be steadfast toward God.

1. Considering yourself (not judging others) how often do we LOOK Christian but secretly we aren't following God? Or even worse, as in Saul's case, it isn't even a secret. He defies God's clearly described plans right in front of everyone. And then he lies about it. Right to Samuel's face.

Consider several Psalms: 14:1, 28:3, 50:16-21, 55:20-21, 62:4

2. What is the remedy for this within ourselves?

Consider Psalms: 32 & 51 Consider James 5:13-20, Luke 18:9-14

3. 1 Samuel 15 Saul had already been told what to do. But he disobeyed by acting only partially on those instructions (Remember the Israelites and the promised land? Judges 1:19-33) A lesson the Bible teaches us again and again is part of being resolved for God is listening and embracing what you are told. There is no "yeah but"

When are you most likely to say "yeah but..." to God?

Hint, just make a list of our most common idols: money, lust, our kids, job power, "me time"...

What is it for you?

4. Can you share a time in your life when you got what you wanted only to later learn it wasn't what God wanted? Does the story include how much effort it took to ignore all the warning signs, including the best of your most faithful friends saying "what are you thinking?"

5. Can you wrap your head around this fundamental idea:

"God's joy in us is not that we go out and do good deeds.

It's that we obeyed Him when He asked us to do them."

6. What are some commonly known verses which succinctly describe the idea of being Resolved?