Cultivating A Heart For God (A Study of the Life of David)

“A Sad, Sad Ending”

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Introduction:

A. Bring up the subject of ______ and you will get many different reactions from people.

B. As we turn to our text for today from I Samuel 31, we come to the very sad and tragic end of the life of ______ ________.

I. The Story

A. Life is all about _______, and Saul often made the ______ ones.

B. Here at the time of his ________, he is still forced to make _______.

C. When Saul’s armor-bearer refused to take Saul’s ________, Saul _______ on his own _______.

D. Without a king, even this pitiful king, Israel is ________.

E. The sad story ends with Saul being ____________, and then ________.

II. The Application

A. Each of us will someday ______ and then face our Maker’s __________ in response to the ________ we have made.

1. Saul had a __________ beginning (1 Sam. 9:2)

2. His great potential vanished in the ruble of his ________ choices.

3. What should be the epitaph upon Saul’s tombstone? “I have __________...Surely I have acted like a _______ and have ______ greatly.” (1 Sam. 26:21)

4. Assurance doesn’t come because we have lived such a ________ life, but comes because of the _______ of God through the sacrifice of Jesus and our ________ it Him. (1 Jn. 1:7, 9)

5. Truth is we are all going to die someday and face the judgment, so we want to _____ in a way that makes us _______. (Ps. 90:12)

B. _______ leads to ____________.

1. Whatever the loss we are facing, whether it be the loss of a job, __________, marriage, _____________, or loved one.

2. Most losses carry with them an assortment of ___________.

3. It is God who brings ____________ (Ex. 15:26; Ps. 147:3; Mt. 11:28-29).

4. Our losses in life may be ________, but God is __________.

5. Our job is to _______ in the Lord and _______ faithfully with Him.