

## Hiding In The Church

### Description

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1 Samuel 15:12-23

When I was growing up, my brothers and I would sometimes go exploring in my grandmotherâ??s old Methodist church. We discovered some great hiding places! Now that Iâ??m a pastor, Iâ??ve learned that some people actually try to hide in church . . . from God.

When the prophet Samuel came to confront Saul about his disobedience, the king tried to hide his sin behind a mask of religious devotion. â??The reason we didnâ??t destroy all of the Amalekite flocks,â?• he rationalized, â??was because we decided to offer the best of the animals to God.â?• Whether that was really Saulâ??s intention or not, he failed to give God what he really commanded: full obedience. â??To obey is better than sacrificeâ?• (v. 22b).

Samuelâ??s words apply to worshipers in every time and place. No acts of religious observanceâ??singing, giving, or preachingâ??can make up for a disobedient heart. Present to God the sacrificial offering that truly pleases him: the gift of your surrendered self.

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