

“I CAN’T FORGET THE KING”

1 Samuel 31:1-13

April 4, 1968 a King was killed in Memphis. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. - a King in more ways than one. A Civil right celebrity. Died a hand of another.

August 16, 1977 another King died in Memphis, Elvis Aaron Presley was the king of Rock N Roll. No one before or since has sold as many records, made as much money had as great an influence on a generation.

The year 758 B.C. King Uzziah died- Descendent of David, crowned king at age 16, he ruled 52 yrs the most prosperous and popular since Solomon... the last great king of the Southern Kingdom of Judah.

.....Neither one of them was MY KING!

I’m not talking about *A* King I’m talking about *THE* king!

- ❖ He is not known For His BOYCOTTS but His BLESSINGS!
- ❖ 1963 Time magazine voted MLK man of year-1999 Jesus Christ was made man of History, but besides that He was and *is* before, beyond and above ALL TIME!
- ❖ 1964 youngest man to ever receive Nobel Peace Prize but before Jesus was ever born He was Prince of Peace!
- ❖ MLK said “*I have a dream*” But Jesus makes dreams come true!
- ❖ He is not known for His Music but... the music others make about Him!
- ❖ Elvis played on Sun records- Jesus is the Son and KEEPS the records!!!
- ❖ Elvis lived at GRACE LAND- but it can't compare to His GRACE or that far away land!
- ❖ Elvis may have gotten big- but not as Big as Jesus!

1 Timothy 1:17 *Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

We forget the forgettable.

But there are some things we NEVER forget....

*We may forget others birthday (MLK) _ but not our own!
We may forget our anniversary_ but not the wedding day itself!*

He **DEATH** of Saul---vs.6

PEOPLES CHOICE...Saul had it all, -but it's not what you have- it's how you use what you have. Became a PITIFUL CASTAWAY. (remember Paul's name was Saul)

The **DISGRACE** of Saul-

He who at one time had the Spirit of God fall upon Him...fell upon his own sword!

1 Chron 10:10 head cut off Temple of Dagon Armor house of Ashteroth body walls of Beth-shan Saul and his sons bodies were placed on poles and placed in prominent places by the Philistines.

The **DEFIANCE** of the Men-

A fire burns..... no conversation, lived nightmare...messenger walk into camp. Told the tale.

The Men marched to the site where they had just been defeated!

1 Sam ends with no explanation....*WHY?* - the answer is 40 yrs before....

What made these men different?

“THEY NEVER FORGOT”

“Remember the Alamo” “911 We Shall Never Forget”

I. THE MISERY THEY REMEMBERED

1 Sam 11:1-3

In those days, warriors held their shields with their left hand the left eye was covered. - the right eye was used on offense. -- but they could still see well enough to serve the Ammonites.

* **Nahash** means *serpent*, and it is the same word found in Gen 3. Still in the blinding business

Asked for 7 days to seek help-someone to save them.

* Imagine Davy Crockett sending a message to Sana Anna “*Can we send Jim Bowie out to get reinforcements?*”

Nahash was arrogant and didn't just wanna win a battle, he wanted to defeat nation. “*Fine- get the best we'll kill them too*”

Do you remember what kind of mess you were in? **Eph 2** Dead, Deceived, Dominated.

I WAS IN A MESS!!!!!!

They preferred to die than live so miserably! (Me and suicide)

They needed SOMEBODY to SAVE them!!!!

II. THE MERCY THEY REQUIRED

1 Sam 11:4-6 **Not at them- but for them!**

Saul could've said “*Too bad*” No obligation!!

He needed nothing **from** them and they had nothing **for** him!!!
(like us & God)

They couldn't offer him anything but their loyalty!

...he heard them and said “*Why?*”

And the “*Spirit of the Lord came upon Him*” and his anger welled up

He sent a message ...cut up a ox sent piece and said –“*If you don't come help, this is what's gonna happen to your oxen*”

The “*fear of the Lord*” came upon the people, and they came.

Imagine “*This is what's gonna happen to your dog if you don't come to Church!*”

He didn't make 'em slaves- he set 'em free!!!

**“I should have gotten justice and surely been lost
But I found mercy when I knelt at the cross!!!”**

III. THE **MESSAGE** THEY **RECEIVED**

1 Sam 11:7-9

Vs.9 “and they were glad” AMEN! I was glad when I hear the GOOD news!
Rom 5:8

If they had never *asked*- they would have never *received*!!!!

Have we lost our gratitude??

“I’m glad I’m saved- but don’t ask me to do anything extra-tithe,visit”

What can God ask you to do that would be too much- after all He has done for you?

Paul said “*I am a debtor!*”

They owed ALL to SAUL!

Many remember their SALVATION but not their SAVIOUR!!!!!!

How often we remember what we ought to forget and forget what we ought to remember.

We weren’t saved by a PLAN or a PREACHER but by the PERSON of the Lord!

They realized the only reason they could SEE was because of the King!

If they were willing to do that for him—a earthly king who died a disgrace.....we ought to be willing to do everything for a perfect king... who is ALIVE!!!

IV. THE **MASTER** THAT **RESCUED**

1 Sam 11:10-11

Saul showed up ..with 300 and 30 thousand men!

“until heat of day” Whooped ‘em all day long!
there were not left two of them together. The **defeat was complete.**

Vs.10 their submission...**vs.14-15**
the Kingdom was renewed and HE was made King over all!

He was *already* KING- but they hadn’t accepted him as **THEIR** king yet!

Jesus was already King before your Grandma was born..wasnt until June 29 1992 He became MY king!

40yrs! Men of fighting age were in 80’s by now.

*If 20 they where now 65!

Some may have went *–but some of those 5 yr olds went!*

Heard each man “*You remember when King Saul came?*”

“Reason my Daddy still has both eyes is because of what the King did for him!”

Our KING ...is still ALIVE!

ELVIS HAS LEFT THE BUILDING and he aint coming back!

MLK isn’t marching tomorrow anywhere- dead!

1 Tim 6:14-16, “That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality,: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.”

Who is **YOUR** King?

Have you forgotten????