



Before the THRONE

The Devotional

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1 Samuel 15:10-11

“Then came the word of the LORD to Samuel saying, “It grieves Me that I have set up Saul to be King; for he is turned back from following Me, and has not performed Me commandments. And it grieved Samuel, and he cried unto the LORD all night.” 1 Samuel 15:10-11

The heart of God is moved when we are broken for others as this is His nature as well to be touched by the pains, disappointment and struggles of others. “For we have a High Priest who cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.” (Hebrew 4:15)

Saul’s sin was obvious and his rebellion openly displayed, yet Samuel speaks to him only after having wept all night over this failing! How quick we can be to point our finger at another’s sin! It is far easier to accuse than to pray – far easier to gossip than be broken for another. Accusations – even when it is based upon accurate information – is not a substitute for intercession. Like the Spirit, “Who helps our infirmities...” and “makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered”, so we are also called to pray for others in their time of weakness and failings. (Romans 8:26) “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:2).

It is a wise practice – before offering criticism or rebuke to another person – to spend time in brokenness before the LORD. Your intercessions, tears and grief for that person will bear much more weight than a glib or thoughtless rebuke.

Maybe if you haven’t been able to wept over someone’s failings, maybe you shouldn’t offer them your “advice”? Selah.