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NEWSLETTER

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“KINDA”



MOM ASKED “EMILY, DID YOU CLEAN YOUR ROOM?” SHE ANSWERS “KINDA.” “JOHNNY DID YOU BRUSH YOUR TEETH?” DAD ASKED. JOHNNY RESPONDED “SURE DAD” TO WHICH DAD INQUIRED FURTHER “DID YOU REALLY?” AND JOHNNY ANSWERED “KINDA.”

WHEN WE HEAR THE WORD “KINDA” WE ANTICIPATE AN EXCUSE OR AT BEST AN INCOMPLETE ASSIGNMENT.

KING SAUL WAS “KINDA” A GOOD MAN.

HE WAS “KINDA” GODLY. ACCORDING TO 1 SAMUEL 13:8 HE WAITED FOR SAMUEL TO COME AND OFFER A BURNT OFFERING BEFORE HIS MEN WENT TO WAR. THE ONLY PROBLEM WAS THAT SAUL WAS “KINDA” IMPATIENT SO HE OFFERED IT HIMSELF (V.9). HE JUSTIFIED HIS ACTIONS BECAUSE HE WAS “KINDA” AFRAID HIS ARMY WOULD DESERT (V.11) AND HE “KINDA” DIDN’T THINK GOD WOULD REALLY MIND. (V.12). GOD DID MIND AND INDICATED THAT SAUL’S KINGDOM WOULD NOT ENDURE (VS. 13-14).

SAUL WAS “KINDA” A GOOD DAD. BUT HE MADE A STUPID ORDER THAT NONE OF HIS ARMY COULD EAT BEFORE EVENING AS THEY PURSUED A PHILISTINE ARMY (1 SAMUEL 14:24). UNFORTUNATELY SAUL’S SON JONATHAN WAS NOT AWARE OF HIS FATHER’S “KINDA” CRAZY COMMAND AND ATE SOME HONEY HE FOUND IN A FOREST (V.27). LATE THAT NIGHT SAUL DISCOVERED HIS SON HAD DISOBEYED HIS “KINDA” DUMB COMMAND AND WAS READY TO KILL HIM FOR HIS DISREGARD (VS. 43-44). HAD THE ARMY NOT PROTESTED AND PROTECTED JONATHAN FROM EXECUTION (V.45), HIS FATHER WOULD HAVE KILLED HIM. SAUL WAS “KINDA” PARANOID AND NOT A PARTICULARLY GOOD PARENT.

SAUL WAS ALSO “KINDA” DENSE. IN 1 SAMUEL 15:3 GOD TOLD HIM TO DESTROY ALL OF THE AMALEKITES. HE DEFEATED THEM BUT SPARED THEIR KING AND THE BEST OF THEIR CATTLE (V.9). SAUL BRAGGED TO SAMUEL THAT HE HAD OBEYED GOD’S COMMAND (V.13), BUT WHEN SAMUEL ASKED HIM ABOUT THE CATTLE, SAUL “KINDA” BLAMED THE ARMY FOR THAT. (VS. 14-15). AFTERALL, SAUL THOUGHT IT WAS “KINDA” FINE SINCE THEY WERE GOING TO SACRIFICE THOSE ANIMALS TO GOD (VS. 20-21). IT WASN’T! GOD CALLED SAUL’S INCOMPLETE OBEDIENCE REBELLION. (VS. 22-23).

LATER WE LEARN THAT SAUL WAS “KINDA” JEALOUS OF DAVID (1 SAMUEL 18:6-9) AND TRIED FOR YEARS TO KILL HIM. WE KNOW TOO THAT SAUL WAS “KINDA” DESPERATE WHEN UNDER SIEGE AND CONSULTED WITH A FORTUNE TELLER ABOUT WHAT HE SHOULD DO (1 SAMUEL 28:8-10). HE “KINDA” THOUGHT GOD WOULD BE OK WITH THAT. HE WASN’T.

“KINDA!” WHO ARE WE KIDDING?

LOOKING UP,
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