

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

STOP LIVING IN THE PAST

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PART 2: COMPROMISE

There are several hurdles to overcome as you attempt to leave the past and move into the present time. Each of these hurdles must be eliminated if you are going to be able to move into a victorious Christian living. The first hurdle is compromise.

COMPROMISE

1. COMPROMISE YOUR CONVICTIONS

When Paul went to Jerusalem for the last time, he was confronted by the Christian Jewish leadership over the issue of conforming to Judaism. The Holy Spirit had already settled the issue that circumcision and sacrifices in the temple had ceased to have any meaning and that believers in Christ were told not to do it since it meant that they negated the death of Jesus on the cross.

Galatians 2:9-21

However, when Paul was confronted by the Christian Jewish leadership, instead of rebuking them, he compromised the conviction given him by the Holy Spirit, and committed a gross sin in doing so. **Acts 21:17-26**

But instead of pleasing the unsaved Jews in Jerusalem, they were antagonized into a frenzy and all of Paul's plans were destroyed. Instead of being able to enjoy his stay in Jerusalem and preach the Gospel, Paul was imprisoned for the next two years and then shipped to Rome. **Acts 21:27-36**

2. COMPROMISE THROUGH DISOBEDIENCE

During the reign of King Jeroboam, God called out a man from Judah to be His prophet unto the nation. The man was told to pronounce judgment on the nation and also to prophecy about the coming Messiah. **1 Kings 13:1-3**

The king became very angry when he heard about the negative prophecy and would have killed the prophet, but God struck the king so that he had to bow down to God and His prophet. **verses 4-6**

The king invited the prophet to the castle but the prophet answered that God had given him specific orders from which he could not deviate. **verses 7-10**

The Devil was unhappy that his plans had been destroyed and set out to destroy the prophet by enticing him to compromise through disobedience. The Devil moved upon another man from Bethel that had been a prophet for God at one time who was envious of the prophet from Judah and used his old credentials to lie and deceive the prophet from Judah. **verses 11-19**



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Don't cross the Lord! While the prophet from Judah was eating bread with the old prophet from Bethel, the Spirit of God came over the lying prophet and he pronounced judgment on the prophet from Judah to whom he had enticed and lied. God is not sentimental and judgment was meted out. **verses 20-25**

The old prophet from Bethel felt no remorse over lying and deceiving the prophet from Judah, instead, he continued in his religious activities and took care of the dead body. **verses 26-31**

The prophet from Judah started out strong but ended up totally defeated and wasted his life on earth! **Matthew 16:26**

3. COMPROMISE TO PLEASE OTHER PEOPLE

When Saul, the son of Kish, became king of Israel and in time corrupted himself after he got used to a lavish lifestyle and felt the power he had as a dictator. He was careful to follow the Lord and to be obedient in the beginning but with time this went by the wayside.

God spoke through His prophet Samuel that King Saul was to eradicate the nation of Amalek with their livestock. **1 Samuel 15:1-3**

But once the battle was over, Saul decided to keep King Agag of the Amalekites and the best of the cattle. **verses 7-9**

God was not pleased and sent word to Samuel to go and confront Saul. **verses 10-12**

King Saul was a people pleaser and started to butter up Samuel, who declared that he wanted nothing to do with flattery. Instead, Samuel got down to business and confronted Saul. **verses 13-14**

Saul initially tried to deflect the accusations and blame it on the people. **verse 15**

God does not accept any excuses and Samuel laid into the Saul. **verses 16-19**

Saul was too deep into rebellion to understand what God was telling him through the prophet. **verses 20-21**

God is not interested in burnt offerings and gifts but obedience! **verses 22-23**

When Saul realized that he was about to lose his job as king, he decided to start telling the truth and stated his reason for not obeying the Lord was that he feared the people and wanted to please them. It was the custom in those days that when a king had defeated another nation, his soldiers would have free reign to plunder at will, for this is the way soldiers were paid. Saul had 210,000 men who wanted to get paid and had no regard for what God had told the king. **verse 24**

Saul was desperate and tried to plead and repent because his job was on the line and he couldn't stand the thought of losing the kingdom. **verse 25**

Saul then tried with force to make Samuel worship the Lord with him, but Saul had blown it and God was through with him; he lost the kingdom and his life would shortly come to an end. **verses 26-28; 1 Chronicles 10:13-14**

4. COMPROMISE TO GET PEOPLE OFF YOUR BACK

Abram feared that he would be killed and lied to save his life but God intervened and Abram was shamed. **Genesis 12:9-20**

5. COMPROMISE TO ALLEVIATE PRESSURE

King David committed adultery with Bathsheba and in the process she became pregnant. In order to relieve the pressure, David began a series of deceitful actions to get Uriah to have sex with his wife and get David off the hook. When that failed, he conspired to have Uriah murdered. **2 Samuel 11:1-17**

WHAT ARE WE FACING TODAY?

- ❖ Ungodly television programs, movies, music and video games
- ❖ Sexual temptations like adultery, fornication, masturbation, pornography and homosexuality.
- ❖ Cheating when filing income taxes, immoral business deals, not paying your bills and walking away from debt you created.
- ❖ Lying to people.
- ❖ Stealing from God by not paying tithes and stealing from people.
- ❖ Breaking the laws of the land which conform to the Word of God.
- ❖ Not obeying traffic laws.
- ❖ Politicians that compromise.

UPHOLDING GOD'S STANDARD

We must have a standard that is set forth by God so we don't compromise our Christian faith. A summary of God's standard can be found in these Scripture references. **Ephesians 4:17-32; 5:1-17**

If you compromise, the Holy Spirit will remove His blessing upon your life and you will become cursed!

WHAT IS YOUR CHOICE?

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?