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Lesson 99: 2 Samuel 14:23-33 It's All About Absalom

Read 1 Samuel 13:11-14. Had Saul done what was right here? What excuse does he make?

Read 1 Samuel 15:19-24. What did Saul do here? What excuse does he make? What is Samuel's reply? What is Saul's response then?

Read Exodus 32:21-24. What was Aaron's excuse for building the golden calf for the people?

Read Romans 2:1-8. Is there any excuse you can give to God for sin?

What is wrong with this statement, according to these verses: "God is patient and kind with me, so He'll forgive me for the sin I want to commit."?

Read Luke 18:9-14. Which man was righteous according to human standards?

Which was righteous according to God? Why?

Read James 4:1-10. What is one reason we don't receive what we ask for? Who are we to draw near to?

What are we to cleanse?

What are we to do before the Lord?

As you spend time with God today, ask Him to reveal to you any excuses or justifications you are making for your sin. Be specific. Ask Him to help you to see these excuses for what they are, and to know that He will accept no excuse for sin. Thank Him for the gift of Jesus, through whom we can be justified before God, and ask Him to make you sensitive to the sin in your life and help you to rely on Him to defeat that sin, for His glory and through His strength!