



Let's Be Honest

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For *all* have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to *all* people, because *all* sinned.

Romans 5:12

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

Jeremiah 17:9

We *all*, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the *iniquity* of us all.

Isaiah 53:6

For I know that good itself *does not* dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do — *this I keep on doing*.

Romans 7:18-19

“This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they waylaid them as they came up from Egypt. Now go, attack the Amalekites and *totally destroy all that belongs to them*. Do not spare them; put to death men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys.’”

1 Samuel 15:2–3

But Saul and the army *spared Agag* and the best of the sheep and cattle, the fat calves and lambs — everything that was good. These *they were unwilling to destroy completely*, but everything that was despised and weak they totally destroyed.

1 Samuel 15:9

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.

Romans 7:15

Then the word of the Lord came to Samuel: “I am *grieved* that I have made Saul king, because he has *turned away from me* and *has not carried out my instructions*.” Samuel was angry, and he cried out to the Lord all that night.

1 Samuel 15:10–11

When Samuel reached him, Saul said, “The Lord bless you! *I have carried out the Lord’s instructions*.”

1 Samuel 15:13

But Samuel said, “What then is this bleating of sheep in my ears? What is this lowing of cattle that I hear?”

1 Samuel 15:14

Saul answered, “*The soldiers* brought them from the Amalekites; *THEY* spared the best of the sheep and cattle to sacrifice to the Lord your God, but we totally destroyed the rest.”

1 Samuel 15:15

“STOP!” Samuel said to Saul. “Let me tell you what the Lord said to me last night.”

1 Samuel 15:16

“*But I did obey the Lord,*” Saul said. “I went on the mission the Lord assigned me. I completely destroyed the Amalekites and brought back Agag their king.”

1 Samuel 15:20

“*The soldiers took sheep and cattle from the plunder, the best of what was devoted to God, in order to sacrifice them to the Lord YOUR God at Gilgal.*”

1 Samuel 15:21

But Samuel replied: “Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices *as much as in obeying the Lord? To OBEY is better than sacrifice,* and to heed is better than the fat of rams.”

1 Samuel 15:22

“For *rebellion* is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has rejected you as king.”

1 Samuel 15:23

For the grace of God has appeared that *offers salvation to all people*. It teaches us to say ‘No’ to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.

Titus 2:11–12

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also *provide a way out* so that you can endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

1. Name it honestly.

2. Confess it.

3. Take one obedient step this week.

4. Bring someone into it.

5. Let your love for Jesus be the motive.

Eugene Peterson — Joy is what comes to us when we are walking in the way of faith and obedience.