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The Landmine of Compromise

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1 Kings 9:1-7 *When Solomon had finished building the temple of the Lord and the royal palace, and had achieved all he had desired to do, the Lord appeared to him a second time, as he had appeared to him at Gibeon. The Lord said to him: "I have heard the prayer and plea you have made before me; I have consecrated this temple, which you have built, by putting my Name there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there. "As for you, if you walk before me faithfully with integrity of heart and uprightness, as David your father did, and do all I command and observe my decrees and laws, I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever, as I promised David your father when I said, 'You shall never fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel.' "But if you or your descendants turn away from me and do not observe the commands and decrees I have given you and go off to serve other gods and worship them, then I will cut off Israel from the land I have given them and will reject this temple I have consecrated for my Name. Israel will then become a byword and an object of ridicule among all peoples.*

1 Kings 11: 1-11 *King Solomon, however, loved many foreign women besides Pharaoh's daughter—Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians and Hittites. They were from nations about which the Lord had told the Israelites, "You must not intermarry with them, because they will surely turn your hearts after their gods." Nevertheless, Solomon held fast to them in love. He had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines, and his wives led him astray. As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been. He followed Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and Molek the detestable god of the Ammonites. So Solomon did evil in the eyes of the Lord; he did not follow the Lord completely, as David his father had done. On a hill east of Jerusalem, Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the detestable god of Moab, and for Molek the detestable god of the Ammonites. He did the same for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and offered sacrifices to their gods. The Lord became angry with Solomon because his heart had turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice. Although he had forbidden Solomon to follow other gods, Solomon did not keep the Lord's command. So the Lord said to Solomon, "Since this is your attitude and you have not kept my covenant and my decrees, which I commanded you, I will most certainly tear the kingdom away from you and give it to one of your subordinates.*

Compromise

It will destroy your **T** _____, your **J** _____, and your **P** _____.

Most of the time, compromise is acceptable. When it comes to our spiritual principles, however, such flexibility becomes sin.

Biblical Example of Compromise: 1 Kings 11:1-11; 1 Samuel 15:

King Solomon – 1 Kings 11:1-11

King Saul – 1 Samuel 15

Our disobedience is no less dangerous, preventing us from reaching our full potential in God's kingdom.

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Good Compromise

Bad Compromise

- It results in **D** _____ to God or His Word, rebellion toward Him, or participating in or talking about things that are not of God.
- Compromise **S** _____ when we think we know better than God does.
- This kind of compromise usually begins **S** _____, seemingly innocent.
- **E** _____ time you step across the line and compromise, you endanger yourself, even if you don't realize it (e.g., dating or possibly marrying a nonbeliever.)

2 Corinthians 6:14 *Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?*

Why Do We Compromise?

- Fear of **R** _____.
- Fear of **C** _____.
- Fear of **L** _____.
- **F** _____ Reasons.

What are the Consequences?

- We lose our **F** _____ with God.
- We become **D** _____ for more of whatever tempts us; we're never satisfied.
- Compromise blocks our **S** _____ potential.
- When we compromise our beliefs, for whatever the reason, those around us **L** _____ **R** _____ for us and for our message.

As Christians, we always have the chance to repent and return to serving God. However, the Lord limits our usefulness when we refuse to cleanse ourselves from sin.

How to Avoid the Landmine of Compromise:

- Make God's **W** _____ your standard of conduct.
- Begin every day in the **W** _____.
- Follow the initial promptings of the **S** _____ rather than your emotions.
- Make a **D** _____ not to compromise in your life.
- Quit making excuses

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Discussion Questions:

Have you ever done something that appeared spiritual but was, in reality, disobeying what you sensed God wanted you to do? If so, describe it. Why do you think you compromised your principles?

Why do you think Christians have a difficult time accepting that wholehearted obedience to God is more important than following conventional religious practices?

How does compromise hinder you from becoming all God wants you to be?

Are you currently blaming a compromise or shortcoming of yours on another person? If so, what is it?

In order for you to find freedom, you must first admit that the root of the problem has to do with you. Take a moment to do that in prayer.

Note:

If you need to pray – please let the Prayer Team know. They are here for you and willing to pray for you tonight.



HELPFUL TIPS for Great Table Discussions

**Each table should have a designated
Table Host.**

Use God's ear-to-mouth ratio:

Listen two times more than you speak. 1 or 2 people should not dominate the time, and EVERYONE should contribute during the discussion.

1. Smile and be friendly.

Avoid excessive complaining about people or personal problems.

2. God's grace rules the day

Recognize that everyone will not always agree – be gracious and give grace to one another. People are at different places in their spiritual walk and in their life journey.

3. Moving the discussion along.

Table host/facilitators are to move the discussion along. They have permission to limit any negative comments, to invite people to answer a question, to ask someone for their perspective, to limit the amount of time some people speak, and to move on to the next question.

4. Help for the hurting:

This is a supportive group, but it is not a support group or a therapy session. But if someone is really hurting, take a moment and have someone in the group specifically pray for them.