

SCCC – LOW SELF-ESTEEM CAN BE A TRAP

S - Scriptures

“So, they inquired further of the Lord, “Has the man come here yet?” And the Lord said, “Yes, he has hidden himself among the supplies.” 1 Samuel 10: 22

C - Consideration

Samuel, the prophet, was old. He was the last judge of Israel. The nation had asked to change their national govern system from judges to monarchy as the other countries. The Lord heard their desire and sent Samuel to anoint the first king of the Hebrews. Summarizing the event, Samuel found the man and announced God’s words to him, “Saul answered, “But am I not a Benjamite, from the smallest tribe of Israel, and is not my clan the least of all the clans of the tribe of Benjamin? Why do you say such a thing to me?” “Then Samuel took a flask of olive oil and poured it on Saul’s head and kissed him, saying, “Has not the LORD anointed you ruler over his inheritance?” “The Spirit of the LORD will come powerfully upon you, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person. Once these signs are fulfilled, do whatever your hand finds to do, for God is with you.”

C - Commitment

There is some extra information revealed about the future king, “Kish had a son named Saul, as handsome a young man as could be found anywhere in Israel, and he was a head taller than anyone else.” Following the example of Gideon, he considered himself unworthy and incapable to fulfil the task. Finally, after being anointed by Samuel, filled with the Holy Spirit, and chosen before the nation from tribes, families and individuals, he hid himself from the inauguration ceremony. I can see in the life of Saul a load of low self-esteem, fear and eventually he struggled with pride. He is portrayed in the Scriptures as a weak, disobedient, arrogant, resentful and jealous maniac king. Apparently, his actions in his beginning showed himself as a humble and simple man, despite his physical beauty. Was that a contradiction? What was his problem? Remember, God provided him with the godliest mentor he could ever have, who taught and prayed constantly for him, and equipped him with His Spirit, who gifted him to fulfil His mission. Saul’s sins were hidden under the spiritual supplies God gave him like he hid himself among the physical supplies on the day of his coronation. He needed something else besides the spiritual gifts, the spiritual mentor; he needed to deal with the spiritual trash of his soul that later would cost him his own life.

C – Call

My God, I will pray the words of David, Your servant, “Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” Deliver me from false-humility, heal my soul from defeatism, negativism, pessimism that eventually would make me a proud and rebellious man. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.