

When a Lit Fuse Fizzles Out: The King Fails

1 Samuel 13-15

Scene 1: Impatience costs... a lost dynasty

- Impatience sees circumstances rather than God's power.
- Impatience reveals a wayward heart.

Scene 2: Pride costs... a lost resource

- Pride proceeds without God's direction.
- Pride distorts judgment. (rash vow)
- Pride exposes the posture of one's heart.

Scene 3: Disobedience costs... a lost kingdom

- Disobedience causes rationalization.
- Disobedience creates a blindness to one's sin.
- Disobedience impacts others negatively.

Avoid fizzling out...

Remedy #1: Be alert for distracting circumstances; stay focused on God.

Remedy #2: Cultivate humility.

Remedy #3: Repent before being caught.