

## 1 Samuel 12 • Facing the Truth of Failure

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1. (v.1-5) The best preparation before confronting another with the truth is to remove any existing, **personal issues** between you.
2. (v.6-13) The truth is often a casualty when people want **someone else** to fight spiritual **battles** for them.
3. (v.14-18) We are concerned with each individual's handling of the truth because it affects both them **individually** and us **collectively** as a church.
4. (v.19-25) The undiminished truth needs to be accompanied by the hope of **reconciliation**.
5. (v.19-25) The communicator of absolute truth must be willing to be part of the **solution**, what the Bible calls "**discipleship**".

**Overall:** The goal of revealing failure to embrace God's truth is not to make a person feel **inferior**, but to recognize their need **to change** going forward. **Obedience** — no matter how delayed — always cures **disobedience**.