



February 21-27, 2016
Text: Deuteronomy 1:26-33
Lenten Series:
*The Many Faces of Sin and the
Complete Sufficiency of the Cross of Jesus.*

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Wednesday, March 2 – **I Samuel 15:1-23** [Saul decided to follow his own experience and feelings rather than the clear word of the Lord. Samuel points out, v.23, that rebellion is like divination, a detestable sin before God because it is a denial of trusting God.]

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FTPC, Tukwila area churches, South King County, Seattle region

IV. Reconciliation

[e.g. II Corinthians 5:16-21]

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