

“From Fear To Victory”
1 Samuel 13 – 14:23
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- Samuel 8** – Samuel warns Israel about having a King.
Samuel 9 – Saul is chosen.
Samuel 10 – Saul is anointed and publicly announced.
Samuel 11 – Saul is confirmed during his first victory.
Samuel 12 – Samuel once again, warns Israel about having a King.

Thought Of Our Passage: Faith Is A Bridge That Can Take Us From A Place Of Fear To A Place Of Victory And Though The Bridge Is There, It is The Believer’s Choice To Cross It.

- (1) **1 Samuel 13:1-7 Fear**
- (2) **1 Samuel 13:8-14 From Distrust To Disobedience**
- (3) **1 Samuel 13:15-23 Dependence On Human Resources**
- (4) **1 Samuel 14:1-14 God Of The Impossible**
- (5) **1 Samuel 14:15-23 God Of Victory**

(1) 1 Samuel 13:1-7 Fear

1 Samuel 13:1-2

This is the first army under the command of the new King Saul. Just like Samuel had warned, King Saul took choice men to fight in this army.

(1 Samuel 8:11-12)

1 Samuel 13:3

Jonathan = “YHWH has given.”

1 Samuel 13:4 Saul takes the credit.

1 Samuel 13:5

1 Samuel 13:6 the people **hid themselves in caves, in thickets, in cliffs, in cellars, and in pits.**

The Bible does not tell us to hide but it does tell us who our refuge is.

(Psalm 61:3-4)

(Psalm 91:2) I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust!”

1 Samuel 13:7 ...and all the people followed him **trembling.**

I believe this speaks to Saul’s leadership style.

Leadership must inspire confidence.

- As A Father
- As A Boss
- As A Leader

(2) 1 Samuel 13:8-14 From Distrust To Disobedience

1 Samuel 13:8 Where are the men of valor?

(1 Samuel 12:19-20)

“Pray for your servants to the Lord your God...

Fear makes deep roots when we are distant from God and as the distance becomes greater, so does fear.

1 Samuel 13:9-10 greet him. (Bless Him)

1 Samuel 13:11-12

We must not assume.

The just shall walk by **FAITH**, Not by Fear, Not by Feelings, Not by Speculation.

(Jeremiah 17:9)

9 “The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; Who can understand it?”

1 Samuel 13:12b

and I have not asked the favor of the Lord.’ So I forced myself and offered the burnt offering.”

1 Samuel 13:13

for now the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever.
How many blessings have I forfeited due to my pretension and my sin?

1 Samuel 13:14 you have not kept what the Lord commanded you.”

From **Distrust** to **Disobedience**.

Saul = A Man After Men’s Own Heart. **David** = A Man After God’s Own Heart.

Saul = Sinned

David = Sinned – (Adultery/Murder...)

Difference? = **Repentance and a relationship with God.**

(Proverbs 24:16)

¿What type of believer will you be?

(3) 1 Samuel 13:15-23 Dependence On Human Resources

Saul’s Army – Resources

1 Samuel 13:15 (Started with 3,000 and now has about 600 men)

1 Samuel 13:16-17 (1) one company turned toward Ophrah, to the land of Shual,

1 Samuel 13:18

(2) turned toward Beth-horon, and another company (3) turned toward the border...

1 Samuel 13:19

1 Samuel 13:20-21

(Paying more, preloading scales, short-changing people. Dishonest gain. Stealing and robbing)

In Contrast: Christians are to be known for our fairness and honesty in our business dealings. Our pricing should be competitive and fair. Our workmanship should be excellent, our work habits should be exemplary.

1 Samuel 13:22

Don't let the enemy find you unarmed.

(1 Thessalonians 5:8)

Ephesians 6 tells us to put on the full Armor of God:

- 1) Belt of Truth,
- 2) Breastplate of Righteousness,
- 3) Feet/Shoes of Gospel of peace,
- 4) Shield of Faith,
- 5) Helmet of Salvation,
- 6) Sword of the Spirit, Word of God.
- 7) All Prayer.

1 Samuel 13:23

When the enemy is advancing, when you are surrounded, when the situation is hopeless. You must remember that our God is greater than your enemy.

(4) 1 Samuel 14:1-14 God Of The Impossible

1 Samuel 14:1-6

6 Then Jonathan said to the young man who was carrying his armor, "Come and **let us cross over to the garrison of these uncircumcised;**

1 Samuel 14:6b

perhaps the Lord will work for us, for the Lord is not restrained to save by many or by few."

"The Lord Can Do Something Awesome Today." "Let's see what The Lord wants to do?"

"We Are Saved To Serve."

Courage is: Making an active choice to press-on despite present fear.

1 Samuel 14:7

7 His armor bearer said to him, "Do all that is in your heart; turn yourself, and here I am with you according to your desire."

The Armor Bearer's heart (Servant's heart)

Let our life have a positive impact on the people around us.
Jonathan trusted in the Lord.

Be a Teacher – Pray the Lord will bring people you can disciple and invest in them.

1 Samuel 14:8-10

1 Samuel 14:11-14

(5) 1 Samuel 14:15-23 God Of Victory

1 Samuel 14:15

15 And there was a **trembling in the camp**, in the field, and among all the people.

Leave panic for those who do not believe in God and those who are enemies of God. Panic must never prevail in the life of the believer.

1 Samuel 14:16-17

1 Samuel 14:18

18 Then Saul said to Ahijah, **“Bring the ark of God here.”** (Same pitfall as before: Faith in religious items.)

1 Samuel 14:19

1 Samuel 14:20

The Lord can use your enemies to fight for you to bring blessing and Victory.

1 Samuel 14:21

More join the cause.

1 Samuel 14:22

Let your faith, your faithfulness to the Lord’s work encourage others.

Encouragement is key.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

11 Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

(Hebrews 10:23-25)

The God of Victory – The God We Worship – The True God Whom We Serve.

1 Samuel 14:23

23 **So the Lord delivered** Israel that day, and the battle spread beyond Beth-aven.

Application:

- 1) **Fear gives birth to distrust and distrust brings you disobedience.**
- 2) **The Battle Belongs To The Lord. Your Obedience And Trust In God Will Allow You To Fight From Victory.**