



Men's Huddle
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I Samuel 9-13: The Failure of Saul
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I. Saul's Potential

- A.** I Samuel 9:2 Saul, Israel's first king, was a _____ man; he was the tallest, most popular, most impressive young man in Israel.
- B.** At first, Saul was _____: in 1 Samuel 9:21 he tells the prophet Samuel he wasn't _____ of being a king.
- C.** In 1 Samuel 10:1 Saul is anointed king. In the _____ of his life he was pleasing to God.

D. Yet Saul was one of five _____ in the Bible. In the _____ of his life he visits a _____ and is so consumed with _____ and paranoia he repeatedly tries to kill Daniel.

II. Saul's Problem

I Sam. 13:1-7

A. The point is the _____ are no match for the Philistines. According to vs 5 the Philistines had 3000 chariots. The Jews won't have any for decades. According to verse 22, the Philistines had so dominated and oppressed the Jews that Saul and his son Jonathon were the only soldiers in the entire Jewish army with _____!

Parenthesis:

What does this teach us about ____? Answer: _____ / _____ / _____ are a part of God's plan for his people.

Never ever forget: God has a wonderful plan for my life as a man, but that plan involves _____.

Men, don't believe the (American) lie that life is supposed to be _____. If you're not clear about this, you will end up deeply _____ spiritually.

B. Samuel, as a prophet, was the _____ of God. In order to communicate this battle was God's, not _____ and in order to demonstrate that Saul could _____ God when his back was against the wall, Saul was to wait for Samuel. But Saul didn't.

C. In the crunch of life, Saul failed to take God _____. The Bible has a simple word for this, it's _____. Saul is the man who comes to difficult situations, _____ and _____.

- "God, if you knew how my wife fails to meet my needs, you'd know why I do _____"
- "God, if you knew how discouraged I am, you'd know why I'm so _____ at my kids."

- “God, if you knew the financial pressure I am under, you’d know why I don’t _____ to the church.”
- “God, if you knew how much pressure the people around me create for me, you’d know why I _____ so much.

Keep in mind this was a _____ situation for Saul. Saul was a _____. Here he puts _____ and the demands of _____ in the marketplace above the _____ of God

D. Therefore, the point of 1 Samuel 13 is, if we as men don’t take God seriously in the crunch of life pretty soon we won’t be taking Him _____.

**_____ OBEDIENCE ISN’T OBEDIENCE, IT’S
CONVENIENCE!**

E. How do we keep from acting foolishly?

1. Stay in the _____. Jesus prayed in John 17:17—“sanctify them in truth, your word is truth.” Sanctification doesn’t happen apart from the word of God.

Five ways you can avoid Saul’s mistake:

- _____ the Word
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- _____ the Word
- _____ the Word
- _____ on the Word

2. Stay _____. Faith is refusing to _____; it’s believing God will provide. Faith is being _____.

Questions:

What strikes you about Saul’s story?

How are you like Saul?

What can you do to repent and change?

Will we see Saul in heaven?