

## Series Graphic

- Ch. 11:**       **Victory; Holy Spirit**  
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### **1 Samuel 13:13b-14a**

*{Samuel to Saul}*

... It was at this time that the Lord would have permanently established your reign over Israel, but now your reign will **not endure**...

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**What happened?**

**What went wrong?**

### **1 Samuel 13:1-3**

Saul was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty-two years over Israel. He chose three thousand men from Israel for himself: two thousand were with Saul at Michmash and in Bethel's hill country, and one thousand were with **Jonathan** in Gibeah of Benjamin. He sent the rest of the troops away, each to his own tent.

**Jonathan attacked** the Philistine garrison in Gibeah, and the Philistines heard about it. **So Saul** blew the ram's horn throughout the land saying, "Let the Hebrews hear!"

### **1) Being spiritually **passive**.**

### **Philippians 2:12b-13**

... **work out** your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God Who is working **in you** both to will and to work according to His good purpose.

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**I believe in God.        I believe God ...**

*{come up one at a time}*

**God's Revelation → Our response of faith**

- **My situation (seems) >>> God's revelation**
- **My situation → My reaction**

### I Samuel 13:4-7

And all Israel heard the news, “**Saul** has attacked the Philistine garrison, and Israel is now **repulsive** to the Philistines.” Then the troops were summoned to join Saul at Gilgal. The Philistines also gathered to fight against Israel: three thousand chariots, six thousand horsemen, and troops as numerous as the sand on the seashore. They went up and camped at Michmash, east of Beth-aven. The men of Israel saw that they were in trouble because the troops were in a **difficult situation**. They hid in caves, in thickets, among rocks, and in holes and cisterns. Some Hebrews even crossed the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. Saul, however, was still at Gilgal, and all his troops were gripped with **fear**.

### 2) Settling for a **“false peace”** instead of **full victory**.

### Matthew 10:34

“Don’t imagine that I came to bring peace to the earth! I came not to bring peace, but a sword.”

**God will absolutely disturb our “false peace” to move us toward full victory in Christ.**

### I Samuel 13:8-9

He waited seven days for the appointed time that Samuel had set (*I Samuel 10:8*), but Samuel didn’t come to Gilgal, and the troops were deserting him. **So Saul** said, “Bring me the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings.” Then he offered the burnt offering.

### 3) Reverting to **self-reliance** (self-trust)

- **No mention of the Holy Spirit (see Ch. 11)**
- **Circumstantial realities >> spiritual ones**
- **Presuming upon our own perspective, power, and preferences**

### **Problem of God’s Timing**

### Matthew 7:24

... everyone who **hears these words of Mine and acts on them** will be like a **wise man** who built his house on the rock.

*{come up one at a time}*

**#1: Do the will of God you know.**

**#2: Discern the will you don’t know.**

### Ephesians 5:10

... try to **discern** what is **pleasing** to the Lord.

### **I Samuel 13:10-12**

Just as he finished offering the burnt offering, Samuel arrived. So Saul went out to greet him, and Samuel asked, "What have you done?"

Saul answered, "When I saw that the troops were deserting me and **you** didn't come within the appointed days and the Philistines were gathering at Michmash, I thought, 'The Philistines will now descend on me at Gilgal, and I haven't sought the Lord's favor.' So **I forced myself** to offer the burnt offering."

#### **4) Wanting sin to be **excused** instead of **forgiven**.**

**Circumstances do not cause us to sin; we choose to sin.**

**God calls us to fight sin no matter the "extenuating" circumstance.**

**God's will is not for us to be victims of circumstance.**

**When we seek to be excused from sin, we miss the grace of God has offered to cover our sin.**

### **Psalm 32:5**

Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt.

I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the Lord." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.

### **I John 1:7**

... the blood of Jesus His Son **cleanses** us from **all** sin.