

Life Lessons From 1 Samuel
A New Commitment to God's King and Kingdom
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As followers of Jesus Christ in this life, we must understand that we are living in the midst of those who oppose us (1 Sam 11:1-4; Gen 19:30-38)

- The attack is directed toward moving us to compromise and surrender our faith (vs 1-2)
- Before surrendering, we should make every attempt to consider our options (vs 3-4)

We should seek out leaders who are moved to act in the power of the Holy Spirit (1 Sam 11:5-11)

- Leaders who are:
 - concerned for God's glory (vs 5-6)
 - moved to take decisive action (v 7a)
 - able to call others to unity to stand as one (v 7b-8)
- Spiritual battles require planning and preparation:
 - encouraging those who are under attack (v 9)
 - keeping the enemy off balance (v 10)
 - trusting that God will give the plan and victory (v 11)

We are never so spiritually vulnerable as we are after a great spiritual victory (1 Sam 11:12-15)

- Our focus needs to be on the Lord, not others (vs 12-13)
- Our commitment is to be to God's king and kingdom (v 14-15)
- Gilgal = Is the place closely related to the renewing of God's covenant with Israel (Josh 4-5)

Life Lesson:

We are to **know** that we have a covenant with God that is everlasting and that we are not to give up to the opposition but **rest** in God's promises to us, stand against and battle the opposition as we allow God's truth and power to flow through our lives.