

Life Lessons From 1 Samuel
The Peril of Impatience
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When the odds are against us the best option is to look to the right source of help (1 Sam 13:1-7)

- Too often we look at the circumstances and not the issue (vs 4-7; Isa 43:1-3,11-13)
- Or, we can look to the Lord and trust His Word to us (vs 4b, 7; 10:8; Psalm 121:1-2)

It is always better to wait for God's solution than to take matters into our own hands (1 Sam 13:8-15)

- God does not desire willful and selfish servants but submissive and obedient servants (vs 8-12; 1 John 1:6)
- Saul's disobedience was primarily and essentially a failure to trust in the Lord and His Word (Heb 6:12; James 1:2-8)
- God seeks servants who are more concerned for His kingdom than about their own kingdom (vs 13-15; Matt 6:33-34)

Once we realize our weakness and hopeless situation, then we can come to a place of reliance on God and His strength (1 Sam 13:16-22; 2 Ki 6:15-17)

- It will not be the size of the army, or the superiority of arms, but it is the Lord who brings victory (Judges 6-7)

Life Lessons:

1. If we have no sense of our calling, we are headed for trouble (1 Cor 7:17; 2 Peter 1:10-11)
2. God's Word serves as a barometer for our faith and obedience (John 14:23-24; 15:10-11)
3. Circumstances or emergencies are no excuses for disobedience but serve as a test of our faith and obedience (2 Cor 4:18; 1 Sam 14:6)
4. God will judge His people justly (1 Peter 4:17-18)