



Part 6: From Fear To Foolishness

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REVIEW

- Remember what God has done.
- Realize our mistakes.
- Recognize God's forgiveness.
- Reaffirm your relationship.

The Story

1. THE PROBLEM

1 Samuel 13:5a,6 (ESV)-And the Philistines mustered to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots and six thousand horseman and troops like the sand on the seashore in multitude...When the men of Israel saw that they were in trouble...the people hid themselves in caves and in holes and in rocks and in cisterns.

2. THE SOLUTION

1 Samuel 13:8 (ESV)-He waited seven days, the time appointed by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and the people were scattering from him. So Saul said, "Bring the burnt offering here to me, and the peace offerings." and he offered the burnt offering.

3. THE CONSEQUENCE

1 Samuel 13:14 (ESV)-But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you.

When Crisis Comes...

1. Avoid Tunnel Vision

1 Samuel 13:6-7 (ESV)- When the men of Israel saw that they were in trouble (for the people were hard pressed), the people hid themselves in caves and in holes and in rocks and in tombs and in cisterns, and some Hebrews crossed the fords of the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. Saul was still at Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

2. Avoid Responding to Pressure

1 Samuel 13:8 (ESV)-He waited seven days, the time appointed by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and the people were scattering from him.

1 Samuel 15:24 (ESV)- Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.

Make decisions based on priorities not pressure.

3. Avoid Reacting Rashly

1 Samuel 13:9 (ESV)- So Saul said, "Bring the burnt offering here to me, and the peace offerings." And he offered the burnt offering.

1 Samuel 13:13 (ESV)- And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly.

4. Avoid Justifying Our Mistakes

1 Samuel 13:11 (ESV)-Saul said, "What have you done?" And Saul said, "When I saw that the people were scattering from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines had mustered at Michmash

5. Avoid Ignoring Our Conscience

1 Samuel 13:12 I said, 'Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the favor of the Lord.' So I forced myself, and offered the burnt offering.

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Here Is The Point: Crisis does not excuse compromise!