

## BELIEF, A HEART LIKE HIS, FAITH-FAMILY-DISCIPLINESHIP

Old Testament Unit - A Heart Like His - *Bad Decisions and Consequences* - Jan. 7, 2018

Text: 1 Samuel 13: 1-23

Intro: Today we look at Saul's disobedience at Gilgal. Look at the first 12 chapters in 1 Samuel and briefly tell what you think of the spiritual condition of Israel. Why?

### I. 1 Sam.13:1-7 - Both Obedience and Disobedience Affect Our Lives

1. (1 Sam.12:24-24) What was Samuel's last advice for the Israelites in his farewell address?
2. What was Saul's first act as king in 13:1-2?
3. What happened in 13:3-4?
4. What was the response of the Philistines? (13:5)
5. How did the Israelites respond to this? (13:6-7)

Israel demanded a king, but now they are learning that royalty did not guarantee \_\_\_\_\_.  
What do you think God wanted them to learn?

### II. 1 Sam.13:8-14 Impatience Can Undermine Obedience

1. What did Samuel instruct Saul to do? What were the people doing?

2. What did Samuel decide to do? Why?

3. What excuses did Saul give in 13:12? What were the realities of his excuses?

4. What was God's judgment in 13:13-14?

Saul's hasty decision made the difference between God's P\_\_\_\_\_ God's R\_\_\_\_\_!

How can impatience hurt our spiritual walk with God?

Our choices have C\_\_\_\_\_s. Sometimes they develop Q\_\_\_\_\_ly, sometimes they develop S\_\_\_\_\_ly over time. Either way, they are certain!

### III. 1 Sam.13:15-23 - Disobedience Leads to Oppression

1. What had happened to Saul's army now?

2. What were the Philistines able to do now? (13:17-18)

3. What was the situation of the army? (13:19-21)

4. This chapter ends with things looking bleak for the Israelites, yet we know that God delivers His children from this crisis. God does not reveal to us all the details we want to know in life, but what has He revealed to us?

5. Read Deut. 28. What could the people expect from God for obedience? For disobedience?