



Life Group Study - 1 Samuel 13-15 Jonathan's Faith and Saul's Fear

Introduction

In this passage we find the failure of Saul and God's rejection of Saul as king. Saul was impressive on the outside; but inside, he was an insecure people-pleaser. In contrast to Saul's insecurities and fears, his son Jonathan demonstrated tremendous faith and courage. God looks beneath our external performance and appearance to see the true motives of our hearts.

Read 1 Samuel 13:7-14

1. In verse 7, Saul and his men were "quaking with fear." What were they afraid of? How does fear collide with our faith at times?
2. In verses 8-14, Saul takes matters into his own hands. What is Samuel's response to Saul's insubordination to the will of God? What does Samuel's response reveal to us about God?

Read 1 Samuel 14:1-15

1. How is Jonathan's faith revealed in this text? What is the source of his faith?
2. Compare King Saul to his son Jonathan. What are the differences between these two men?
3. What is God's response to Jonathan's faith? What does this reveal to us about God?

Read 1 Samuel 15:1-23

1. In verse 3, God gives specific instructions to Saul. In verse 9, we see that Saul did not carry out God's instructions. What is Samuel's response to Saul's disobedience?
2. In this text, we see a striking contrast between Samuel (A rejected leader) and Saul (The people's chosen leader). What are the differences between these two men? What lessons do we learn as we study the lives of Saul, Jonathan, and Samuel?

Final Question:

God looks beneath our external performance and appearance to see the true motives of our hearts. What can you do to develop the inner man/woman in of you? What can you do to develop your faith so that fear will not control your life?

Close in Prayer!