Taking the Wheel or Trusting the Lord?



1 Samuel 13-14

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Who's Holding the Steering Wheel?

When life feels out of control, am I trusting God to lead, or am I trying to take the wheel?





When Fear Takes Control

Feeling afraid is not necessarily a sin. Fear becomes dangerous when it begins directing our decisions instead of God's Word.

When I am afraid, I put my trust in You" (Psalm 56:3

When Waiting Becomes Difficult

Difficult circumstances do not cancel God’s instructions.

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The question isn’t simply whether we’re waiting or acting.

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The question is whether we’re obeying.





Excuses or Repentance?

Am I explaining my circumstances, or am I excusing my disobedience?

When God shows us our sin, will we defend ourselves or humbly turn back to Him?

When Faith Steps Forward

"Perhaps the LORD will act in our behalf. Nothing can hinder the LORD from saving, whether by many or by few." (1 Samuel 14:6)



Faith doesn't require knowing the outcome.

It requires know the One who holds the outcome.

The Gift of a Faithful Encourager

"I am with you heart and soul." (1 Samuel 14:7)

Am I encouraging others to trust God and pointing them back to His Word?





The Victory Belongs to God

"So on that day the LORD saved Isreal." (1 Samuel 4:23)

Jonathan stepped forward in faith. His armor bearer stood beside him. But the victory belonged to God.

When Our Decisions Affect Others

Sauls decision didn’t make his army stronger. It made them weaker.

Am I making life harder for the people around me because I am insisting on having my own way?





Godly Leadership Serves

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve." (Mark 10:45)

Godly leadership isn't about controlling people. It's about serving them.

How can I use the influence God has given me to help others grow in their relationship with Him?

Outward Success vs. Inward Faithfulness

Outward success is not always evidence of inward faithfulness.

Am I measuring my life by what I accomplish, or by how faithfully I'm walking with the Lord?





Trust God With the Next Step

Lord, what would you have me do as I trust You in this situation?

Faith trusts God enough to obey Him – even when we don’t know what comes next.