

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: May 18, 2022
1 Samuel 13:1-15

1. What happened in our last week's Bible Study?
 - a. Saul was confirmed as king.
 - b. Samuel "said farewell" by reminding the Israelites of the number of times that God has saved them and yet they forgot him and chased after idols.
 - c. Samuel charged Israel to remain faithful.
 - d. Samuel reminded them of the evil they had done by rejecting God and choosing a king (could this be an idol, too?).
 - e. Israel repented and Samuel didn't take away the king (and the consequences of their actions that were promised), but he did tell them to follow God in the situation they are in and don't turn away from him.

2. What happened in 13:3-4?
 - a. Jonathan attacked the Philistine outpost at Geba.
 - b. Saul had the trumpet blown throughout the land and all Israel heard the news that "...Israel has become obnoxious to the Philistines."
 - c. The people were summoned to join Saul at Gilgal.

3. What happened in 13:5-8?
 - a. The Philistines assembled and their soldiers were as numerous as the sand on the seashore.
 - b. When the Israelites saw their situation, they hid and some even crossed the Jordan to get away.
 - c. Saul remained at Gilgal and all the troops with him were quaking with fear.
 - d. Saul waited seven days for Samuel, but Samuel did not come and his troops began to scatter.

4. What did Saul do in 13:9? _____

5. Does it ever seem like God (and his messengers or the people you trust to help you know his will) will never come or aren't available? Yes _____ No _____ Describe a time when something like this has happened to you. _____

6. How did Samuel respond when he arrived, according to 13:10-14?
 - a. He asked "What have you done?"
 - b. He told Saul he had done a foolish thing.
 - c. He told Saul that he had not kept the command of the Lord...and, if he had, the Lord would have established his kingdom over Israel for all time.
 - d. He told Saul that God has already sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because Saul didn't keep the Lord's command.

7. Did Saul's explanation seem to make any difference? _____

8. What was Saul supposed to do? He couldn't go to battle without the Lord's favor! Didn't he have to make the sacrifice? _____

9. What do you do when God doesn't seem to be taking care of things?
 - a. I take matters into my own hands.
 - b. I wait on the Lord and His timing.