



Rejection (1 Samuel 13-15) – Samuel: The Battle to See

Sunday, July 13, 2025

Have you ever rejected what God told you to do?

One Vision: Seeing as God Sees

You shall go down before me to Gilgal; and surely I will come down to you to offer burnt offerings *and* make sacrifices of peace offerings. Seven days you shall wait, till I come to you and show you what you should do.” *1 Samuel 10:8 NKJV*

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Then he waited seven days, according to the time set by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him. *1 Samuel 13:8 NKJV*

So Saul said, “Bring a burnt offering and peace offerings here to me.” And he offered the burnt offering. *1 Samuel 13:9 NKJV*

Now it happened, as soon as he had finished presenting the burnt offering, that Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might greet him. *1 Samuel 13:10 NKJV*

And Samuel said, "What have you done?" Saul said, "When I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered together at Michmash, *1 Samuel 13:11 NKJV*

then I said, 'The Philistines will now come down on me at Gilgal, and I have not made supplication to the Lord.' Therefore I felt compelled, and offered a burnt offering." *1 Samuel 13:12 NKJV*

Saul's impatience with God was disobedience

And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God, which He commanded you. For now the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. *1 Samuel 13:13 NKJV*

But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you." *1 Samuel 13:14 NKJV*

1 Samuel 14 – Saul's Rash Oath

Samuel also said to Saul, "The Lord sent me to anoint you king over His people, over Israel. Now therefore, heed the voice of the words of the Lord. *1 Samuel 15:1 NKJV*

But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and all that was good, and were unwilling to utterly destroy them. But everything despised and worthless, that they utterly destroyed. *1 Samuel 15:9 NKJV*

Saul's partial obedience to God was disobedience

Then Samuel went to Saul, and Saul said to him, "Blessed are you of the Lord! I have performed the commandment of the Lord." *1 Samuel 15:13 NKJV*

But Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?" *1 Samuel 15:14 NKJV*

And Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice to the Lord your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed." *1 Samuel 15:15 NKJV*

So Samuel said: “Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. *1 Samuel 15:22 NKJV*

For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king.” *1 Samuel 15:23 NKJV*

God’s Spirit is working in you to fully wait on God

God’s Spirit is working in you to fully obey God

This Week’s OWNit365 New Testament Plus Plan:

July 13 - Luke 7, Family Focus – Luke 7:1-10

July 14 – Isa 40, Family Focus – Isa 40:1-5

July 15 - Reflection & Prayer

July 16 – Luke 8, Family Focus – Luke 8:4-15

July 17 – Luke 9, Family Focus – Luke 9:28-36

July 18 – Luke 10, Family Focus – Luke 10:38-42

July 19 - Luke 11, Family Focus – Luke 11:1-4

July 13

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NURSERY

GOD MAKES THINGS GROW

Memory Verse: "God Makes Things Grow." 1 Corinthians 3:7

Heart of the Lesson: God Makes Animals Grow

Parent Connect: Today we learned that God makes the animals grow! We learned baby cats are kittens and grow up to be big cats! Talk to your kid about different baby animal names! Example – puppies to dogs, cubs to bears! Use the QR code to sing a song about different baby animals!

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CREATION & THE FALL

CREATION & ADAM & EVE



In this series, we are learning about God and His beautiful creation! We will learn the days of creation, the fall, and about some of the early men in the Bible.

Memory Verse: "The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth." Isaiah 40:28b

Heart of the Lesson: Creation | Genesis 1:1-31

Parent Connect: Today we learned about all 7 days of creation! This week, listen to this song with your kid and talk about God's creation as you listen. If you listen in the car, point out parts of God's creation as you listen and drive!

Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nY2W4nOD_x8

ELEMENTARY

follow the LEADER

EXAMING SAUL, SAMUEL, AND DAVID'S LEADERSHIP

Samuel, Saul, and David were very different leaders, all chosen by God. In this series, we are going to examine what it looks like to follow a leader who is dedicated to God or to follow a leader who is dedicated to getting his own way. We will also discover who our true leader is and how we can follow Him before anyone else.

Memory Verse: For I have kept the ways of the LORD; I have not turned from my God to follow evil. 2 Samuel 22:22

Heart of the Lesson: God Always Has a Plan | 1 Samuel 18-20

Parent Connect: David had to wait a long time to become king, demonstrating patience and trust in God's plan. Grab a clear jar or container and brainstorm some things you are currently waiting for (e.g., a special trip). Write each item on a separate slip of paper and put it in the jar. Add a few "challenge" slips to the jar as well (e.g., "Do an extra chore,"). Each day, have a family member draw a slip from the jar, and discuss how they can respond with a good attitude, just like David continued to serve Saul despite the difficulties.

YOU ASKED FOR IT!

ANSWERING HARD QUESTIONS



Once a year we take questions that our students have asked in G56 and we answer them. This year our Student Directors will be answering student's questions about God, the Bible, Satan, Salvation and more through a biblical lens.

Memory Verse: Matthew 7:24 Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on a solid rock.

Heart of the Lesson: Quick Pic: CONNECT through Small Groups Hebrews 10:24-25, Ephesians 4:15-16

Parent Connect: You Asked For It: How do I know that God is real and how do I know the Bible is true? Answer: We can know that God is real and the Bible is true through Creation and God's prophecies being fulfilled in Scripture. Romans 1:20, Genesis 1:27, 2 Tim. 3:16 **You Asked For It:** How do I know that God is real and how do I know the Bible is true? Answer: We can know that God is real and the Bible is true through Creation and God's prophecies being fulfilled in Scripture. Romans 1:20, Genesis 1:27, 2 Tim. 3:16