

Important Decision? Relying On God Alone!

1. Sensitive to God's Guidance vs. 1-14

David: Sensitive to God's Guidance through inquiring to the LORD each time an important decision needed to be made.

Saul: Made decisions based upon assumptions about God that were skewed by his reliance on human wisdom.

Nothing compares to our God who provides us with everything we need to make the right decision when we choose to seek God's guidance and choose to be sensitive towards what He is leading us to do.

Questions:

How can we practically seek God's guidance in our everyday lives, as David did?

How can we discern if an opportunity, like Saul thought towards David when he was in Keilah, is truly from God or a misunderstanding of circumstances?

2. Surround Self with God Centred People vs. 15-18

Jonathan came to speak with David with the purpose of helping him find strength in God by reminding David of his anointing and God's hand in his life.

We need the church. We need each other to help us find strength in God by reminding us of God's truths, His promises, and plans for our lives. (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Questions:

- A true brother or sister in Christ builds up others in the Lord. David and Jonathan's relationship with the Lord was the key aspect in their relationship. It was the common foundation they had. It should be our desire to encourage others in the Lord when we speak with one another. What are some ways we can do this?
- What are the signs that help us discern if someone's advice will hinder or empower our lives to live for the Lord?

3. Submission Through Obedience vs. 19-29

Saul: In 1 Samuel 13:8-13 & 15:1, we see that Saul did receive clear words from God, but he did not like what he heard, and instead continued to go his own way; only wanted God to affirm and bless his own plans.

David: Through David choosing to submit to God's guidance, God provided for David and his men to continue to live out His plans.

For us to experience guidance from God, we need to display obedience to what has already been revealed by God for us to do.

Questions:

1. What does our prayers look like when we refuse to submit to God?
2. How does 1 Samuel 23 encourage you to deal with life's trials and tribulations?