



Part 12 - "Help Me to Move" | 1 Samuel 12 | Feb 15th, 2026

→ James 1:4 - **LET** perseverance finish its work...

- Letting perseverance finish its work means **listening to the LORD's voice**

→ James 1:5 - If any of you lacks wisdom, you should **ASK God**...

- We **ask**... then we **listen**

→ **But what happens when our fear speaks louder than our trust in Jesus?**

- 1 Samuel 12 — notice how their celebration turned into conviction and fear
- 1 Samuel 12:12 — Israel's fear of Nahash grew louder than their trust in Yahweh

→ **The enemy's strategy with fear has always been the same:**

- Distort reality
- Magnify the threat
- Slowly erode our trust in God

→ **1 Samuel 12:14-22**

- "fear" = reverence and awe, recognizing Yahweh as the true King
- "serve" = respond to His voice out of a heart of worship
- "obey" = listen and respond to the LORD's voice above all others
- "see" = witness
- "thing" (Hebrew: *dabar*) = event attached to God's voice (Psalm 33)
- "before your eyes" = in your presence
- "thunder" = the LORD made His voice unmistakable (Psalm 29)
- "do not be afraid" = Samuel's confidence in the LORD reassures God's people
- "for the sake of His great name" = God's faithfulness rests on who He is, not our perfection

→ **We're left with a choice: Will we turn away... or will we trust?**

- James says: When panic sets in — pray for wisdom
- Samuel says: When fear speaks loudly — listen for the LORD's voice
- Proverbs 3:5-6 says: **Trust** in the LORD with all your heart and **lean** not on your own understanding; in all your ways **submit** to him, and he will make your paths straight.

→ **How do we trust the LORD with all our heart when we face moments of devastating fear?**

- *We pray. We listen. We trust.*
- He *guides*. He *strengthens*. He *helps* us to move forward in His will.

→ **Going Deeper** — Read and reflect on these passages one at a time. Let each sit with you. Then ask: *What truths is the LORD speaking to me through His Word in this moment?*

- Psalm 27

- Psalm 56

- 2 Corinthians 4:14-18

- Revelation 19:1-9