



Part 13 - "When Fear Defines" | 1 Samuel 13–14 | Feb 22nd, 2026

→ **Consider This:** What do we do when fear begins to define our situation?

- James 1:6 - "when you ask, you must **believe** and not **doubt**"
 - "believe" = a trusting reliance
 - "doubt" = trust that wavers back and forth

→ **Recap: 1 Samuel 10 – 12**

- Ch 10 – Saul chosen as king
- Ch 11 – Israel attacked / the LORD rescued / Saul reaffirmed as king
- Ch 12 – Samuel warns: serve the LORD with all your heart

→ **1 Samuel 13 – What sticks out to you?**

→ **Reflection:** The enemy's fear strategy: distort reality, magnify the threat, and slowly erode our trust in the Lord. When fear overrides trust → we act without God's Word → and we end up repeating the oldest story in the Bible (Genesis 3).

→ **1 Samuel 14 – What sticks out to you?**

→ **Key Point:** The issue was never numbers. The issue was **trust**.

- Saul asked, then wavered. Jonathan asked, and he trusted.
We serve a God who acts. And when we ask, we can rely on this truth:
Nothing can hinder the LORD from saving (14:6).

→ **Going Deeper** — Read and reflect on the following passages. What do these passages show us about trust and fear? How might fear be distorting reality in my own life?

- Genesis 3:1-13 (the pattern)
- Psalm 33:16-22 (numbers vs trust)
- Psalm 56:1-4 (fear language)
- Romans 8:31-39 (truth)