

Life of David
26 – Hope Turned to Hopelessness
I Samuel 13:1-23
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- I. The Catalyst: Jonathan's Successful Attack on the Philistine Garrison (13:1-3)

- II. The Reactions Triggered: In Saul, In the Philistines, In Israel (13:4-18)
 - A. Saul Gathers Israel to Gilgal to Fight the Philistines (13:4)

 - B. The Philistines Gather an Overwhelming Force to Fight the Israelites (13:5)

 - C. Israel Scatters in Panic and Desperation (13:6-8)

 - D. Saul Acts in Presumption (13:8-9)

 - E. Saul's Dynasty is Rejected (13:1-14)

 - F. Saul is Left with 600 Men Facing an Overwhelming Philistine Force (13:15-16)

 - G. The Philistines Raid Israel at Will (13:17-18)

- III. The Resulting Condition: Israel Weak, Defenseless, and Demoralized (13:19-23)

- IV. Applications
 - A. Do not make obedience contingent on your circumstances.

 - B. God is better than ten kings – trust and rely on Him, looking nowhere else.

 - C. Act when God would have you act; wait when God would have you wait.

 - D. When you have sinned, confess the sin freely