

**KING SAUL: HOW TO WALK BY SIGHT***1 Samuel 13*

Before we see how we are supposed to live – *Walking by Faith* – let’s take a cautionary look at what it looks like to walk by sight. Saul fails to live by faith – but he was a master when it came to living by sight!

**When God says He judges the heart of a man, how does that make you feel?**

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*If we choose to WALK by SIGHT, we are in for disappointment!*

**TIMES WHEN WE DECIDE TO WALK BY SIGHT...**

- When we’re **SCARED** (terrified, as the Bible puts it)
- When we’re **DISOBEDIENT**
- When we’re **SINFUL**
- When we’re **INWARD FOCUSED**
- When we’re **UNSURE** of our identity...

*WHEN WE DECIDE TO WALK BY SIGHT, INSTEAD OF BY FAITH...*

**1. WE WILL STEAL THE VICTORY OF OTHERS**

(1 Samuel 13:3).

**Why do we steal the victory of others?**

- We feel entitled; we deserve success
- We are unwilling to sacrifice
- We want to get ahead.

**Have you ever stolen the victory from someone else? How did it make you feel?**

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**2. WE WILL BE FEARFUL OF OUR CALLING**

Saul and all the troops were quaking with fear!

(1 Samuel 13:6-7)

(Jeremiah 1:5)

**So...what do you feel is God’s calling for your life?**

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**3. OTHERS WILL NOTICE AND WILL WANT TO LEAVE!**

Saul’s men began to scatter. (1 Samuel 13:8)

**4. WE WILL CHOOSE THE EASY WAY OUT**

Bring me the burnt offering – I’ll do it to make ME feel better.

(1 Samuel 13:9)

(Matthew 7:13-14)

**We all take the easy way out from time to time. Why do we do that?! Relate a time you took it easy. What happened? How did you feel after the fact?**

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**5. WE WILL BLAME OTHERS FOR OUR PROBLEMS**

(1 Samuel 13:11).

**Have you been blamed for someone else’s problem? What did you do about it?**

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**6. WE WILL NOT SEEK GOD – WE WILL BE ASHAMED!**

(1 Samuel 13:12)

**Think about the last time you decided to “walk by sight” instead of “by faith.” What was your relationship with God like, during that time?**

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**7. WE WILL NOT RECOGNIZE THE GIFTS OF OTHERS**

Saul felt compelled to offer the burnt offering, which was Samuel’s calling: *So I forced myself to offer the burnt offering...*(1 Samuel 13:12)

**When you get in a bind, do you look to others for help, or do you forge ahead!?**

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**8. WE WILL DISOBEY GOD**

Samuel admonishes Saul: (1 Samuel 13:13-14)