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**Yay or Nay?
Faithful or Unfaithful?
Obedient or Disobedient?**
1 Samuel 13 & 14

When you are UNFAITHFUL and DISOBEDIENT...
1 Samuel 13

When you are FAITHFUL and OBEDIENT...
1 Samuel 14

When you are OBEDIENT...

You will spend time with those who are faithful, too!

Jonathon is with his armor bearer, NOT his father (14:1)

When David fell, he wasn't acting like the King – he stayed home (2 Samuel 11:1)

But when you are DISOBEDIENT...

You will spend time with those who are unfaithful, too.

Jonathon attacked the outpost, but Saul takes credit for it! (13:3-4)

When you are OBEDIENT...

You will see things from God's perspective

The Philistines are uncircumcised (14:6) – remember that David said this about Goliath

The Gibeonites deceived Joshua (Joshua 9:14) – "...but they did not inquire of the Lord..."

But when you are DISOBEDIENT...

You will be fearful of your calling

Saul and all the troops were quaking with fear (13:6-7)

When you are OBEDIENT...

God can use you, regardless of the circumstances

Nothing can hinder the Lord from saving (14:6)

Widow woman and the oil (2 Kings 4)

But when you are DISOBEDIENT...

You will not seek God, your Creator – you will be ashamed

Saul did not seek the Lord's favor, by his own admission (13:12)

When you are OBEDIENT...

You will appreciate the gifts of others

God can save by many or few (14:6)

Gideon and the 300 (Judges 6-7)

But when you are DISOBEDIENT...

You will not realize the gifts of others

Saul felt compelled to offer the burnt offering, which was Samuel's calling (13:12)

When you are OBEDIENT...

Others will notice and will want to join you

The armor-bearer: Do all you have in mind. I'm with you heart and soul (14:7; also 14:21-22)

David and his mighty men (1 Samuel 22, 2 Samuel 23:8)

But when you are DISOBEDIENT...

Others will notice and will want to leave

Saul's men began to scatter (13:8)

When you are OBEDIENT...

You'll take more risks for God

Come, then, and let's cross over to the Philistines (14:8)

Israel crossing the Jordan – as soon as their feet touched the water (Joshua 3:15)

But when you are DISOBEDIENT...

You will take the easy road

Bring me the burnt offering – I'll do it to make ME feel better (13:9)

When you are OBEDIENT...

You'll trust God completely

That will be a sign that the Lord has given them into our hands (14:10)

Joshua was instructed three times to "be strong and courageous" (Joshua 1)

But when you are DISOBEDIENT...

You will disobey God

Samuel admonishes Saul: You have not kept the command of God (13:13-14)

When you are OBEDIENT...

Others will be blessed

The armor-bearer followed Jonathon and got in on the victory (14:13-14)

David blessed Mephibosheth, son of Jonathon (2 Samuel 9)

But when you are DISOBEDIENT...

Others will be blamed

The MEN scattered, YOU didn't come, and the PHILISTINES assembled (13:11)

When you are OBEDIENT...

You will glorify God

Jonathon didn't receive the glory: "...so the Lord rescued Israel that day" (14:23)

But when you are DISOBEDIENT...

You will dishonor God

But now your kingdom shall not endure. The LORD has sought out for Himself a man (David) after His own heart, and the LORD has appointed him as leader and ruler over His people, because you have not kept and obeyed what the LORD commanded you."