

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?

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?

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?

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?

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?

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?

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!?

8. WE WILL DISOBEY GOD

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