

Divine Deliverance
I Samuel 7:3-13

Review:

1. We can never hope to overcome worldly problems in worldly ways.
2. Instead, we are called to repent: to turn away from anything else in which we are tempted to place our trust, and to turn back to the One True God.
3. The Lord Who routed the Philistines and Who raised Jesus from the dead has the power to save us from anything, even from sin and death.

Reflect:

1. In what parts of your life are you having a hard time trusting the Lord? How does the history of God's mighty acts on behalf of His people help to strengthen your faith?
2. What does the resurrection of Christ mean to you? How does His victory over sin and death fuel your faith?

Go Further: Read I Samuel 13:5-14

1. According to 13:5, how large was the Philistine army?
2. According to 13:6, how did the people of Israel react to this approaching force?
3. According to 13:7, where did some of the people of Israel go?
4. In 10:8, what did Samuel promise to do? According to 13:8, for how long did Saul wait for Samuel to come? While he waited, what was happening to Saul's army?
5. What did Saul do according to 13:9? How did this go against what Samuel said in 10:8?
6. According to 13:10, when did Samuel show up?
7. In 13:12-13, how did Saul try to explain his actions?
8. In 13:13, what did Samuel say that Saul had not kept?
9. In 13:14, what did Samuel say would happen to Saul's kingdom? Who did Samuel say the Lord was seeking? What was the Lord going to do for this person?

Summary and Application:

1. In a time of crisis, Saul lost faith in Samuel's promise and relied on his own resources. Can you remember a time when you took matters into your own hands instead of following the word of the Lord? How did that work out for you?
2. In the face of the same Philistine foe, contrast Saul's faithlessness in I Samuel 13 with the trust the people placed in the Lord in I Samuel 7. With which approach do you most identify and why?