

SERMON OUTLINE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
MAY 11, 2025

GOD'S POWER IS GOD'S POWER
1 SAMUEL 4:1-11

MAIN THOUGHT & OUTLINE

You cannot manipulate God for your plans but must humble yourself under God's plans.

- I. Trying to Manipulate God's Plans (v.1-4)
- II. Humbled By God's Plans (v.5-11)

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

- 1. How do you try to pressure God or twist His arm, and how do you need to repent for this?
- 2. Why should the church avoid an evangelism & preaching that makes believing on Jesus primarily about solving a person's needs?
- 3. How does this passage remind us that God's plan is deeper and better than what it might appear to be?
- 4. Covenant kids – do you want to believe and trust in Jesus? What are good reasons for wanting this?

FURTHER READING: 1 Sam 7:12; Eph 6:10-11; 2 Tim 2:1