

SERMON OUTLINE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
OCTOBER 26, 2025

THE DOWNFALL OF DISOBEDIENCE
1 SAMUEL 13:1-14

MAIN THOUGHT & OUTLINE

The dark story of Saul's downfall centres on his disobedience to the word of the Lord.

- I. Distress (v.1-7)
- II. Disobedience (v.8-12)
- III. Downfall (v.13-14)

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

- 1. Where have you disobeyed God because you felt like you had no choice? Have you repented of this sin?
- 2. Are our 'explanations' as to why we did not do God's will ever adequate?¹
- 3. Where should we find encouragement for obedience even in the hardest circumstances?
- 4. Boys & girls – what do think it means for you to be a boy or girl “after God’s own heart”? Are you this way?

FURTHER READING: 1 Sam 10:8; Mark 6:34; Gen 3:11-13; Gal 6:7-9; Acts 13:21-23; Psalm 40:8

¹ Question from Dale Ralph Davis, *1 Samuel*, p.139