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The Aftermath of a Hardened Heart
The Failed King

1 Samuel 13:5–9 (HCSB)
The Philistines also gathered to fight against Israel: 3,000 chariots, 6,000 horsemen, and troops as numerous as the sand on the seashore. They went up and camped at Michmash, east of Beth-aven. ⁶ The men of Israel saw that they were in trouble because the troops were in a difficult situation. They hid in caves, thickets, among rocks, and in holes and cisterns. ⁷ Some Hebrews even crossed the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. Saul, however, was still at Gilgal, and all his troops were gripped with fear. ⁸ He waited seven days for the appointed time that Samuel had set, but Samuel didn't come to Gilgal, and the troops were deserting him. ⁹ So Saul said, "Bring me the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings." Then he offered the burnt offering.

1 Samuel 13:13–14 (HCSB)
Samuel said to Saul, "You have been foolish. You have not kept the command which the Lord your God gave you. It was at this time that the Lord would have permanently established your reign over Israel, ¹⁴ but now your reign will not endure. The Lord has found a man loyal to Him, and the Lord has appointed him as ruler over His people, because you have not done what the Lord commanded."

**1. NO AMOUNT OF _____ CAN
DISMISS OUR DISOBEDIENCE vv 13:5-9**

- Saul's army was facing terrible _____.
- Saul grew impatient and decided to take matters into his own hands.
- Things make look _____, but it never justifies disobedience to God.

**2. GOD'S WILL CAN BE _____ BY OUR
WILL IN A SINGLE DECISION vv 13:13-14**

- Disobedience has _____.
- It is foolish to choose our will over God's will.
- When we choose our own way, the results can be God _____ His hand of blessing from us.

**3. _____ MUST BECOME OUR NUMBER
ONE PRIORITY vv 15:13-23**

- _____ obedience is disobedience.
- Rationalization of our choice to disobey God does not justify any potential good that may be enjoyed.
- God desires our obedience more than our _____.

The Next Step:

Learn what God desires of you and seek to be obedient at every turn.