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## SERMON OUTLINE

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### Replacing Fear with Faith

1 Samuel 13:1-15

- I. Fears grow when we ignore God: Israel focused on the Philistines, not God (1 Samuel 13:1-7).
  - A. Saul established a regular army of 3000 (13:1-2).
  - B. When Jonathan attacked the Philistines at Geba they amassed a large army (13:3-5).
  - C. Most of Israel's men fled in fear (13:6-7).

HOW WE FAIL IN TIMES OF FEAR

- Failing to remember past fears that God solved
- The failure of following fearful people around you
- Failing to focus on God's abilities

- II. Giving in to fear leads to sin: Saul disobeyed Samuel because of fear (1 Samuel 13:8-12).
  - A. *Acting in Desperation*: Saul offered the sacrifice instead of waiting for Samuel (10:8; 13:8-9).
  - B. *Making Excuses*: Saul's defended himself (10-12).
- III. Disobedience disqualifies us from service: God would replace Saul for failing to trust and obey (1 Samuel 13: 13-15).
  - A. God disciplined Saul by giving the kingship to "a man after God's own heart" (13-14).
  - B. Saul was left with an army of only 600 (15).

FOCUSING ON TRUTH IN TIMES OF FEAR (Psalm 27)

- God's ability to handle my fear (27:1-3)
- God's presence in times of fear (27:4-12)
- God's timing for resolving my fear (27:13-14)

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