

HANG ON!
I Samuel 13:5-14

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BACKDROP

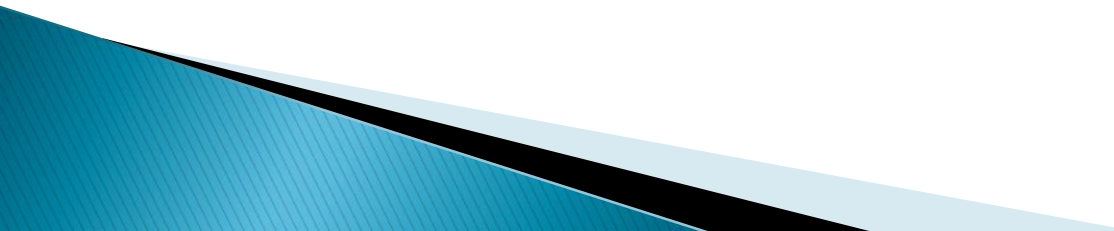
- Saul is being pressed by the enemy.
- Men have cowered and taken flight.
- Feels the need to ensure God's protection.

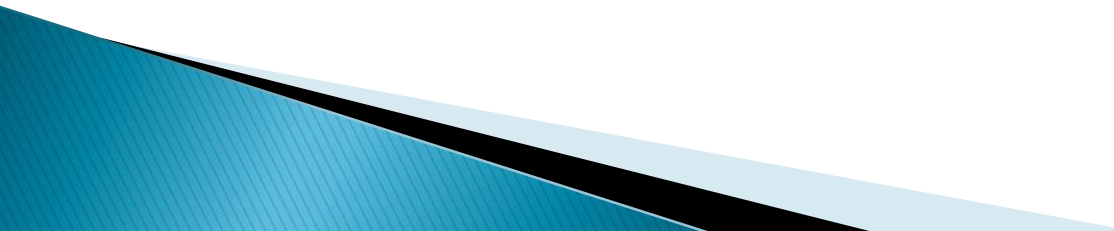
- Samuel had advised Saul --
*“You shall go down before me to Gilgal; and surely I will come down to you to offer burnt offerings and make sacrifices of peace offerings. **Seven days you shall wait, till I come to you and show you what you should do.**”* 1 Samuel 10:8

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Samuel was delayed in coming to Gilgal and on the seventh day –

So Saul said, “Bring a burnt offering and peace offerings here to me.” And he offered the burnt offering. Now it happened, as soon as he had finished presenting the burnt offering, that Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might greet him. | Samuel 13:9–10

- ▶ This indiscretion would lead to Saul losing his kingdom.
 - ▶ God would seek a man “after His own heart.”
 - ▶ Note that God often uses delays to test obedience and patience
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- ▶ It is well understood and often documented that things happen at the SPEED OF LIFE;
 - ▶ There seem to always be pressing matters that try our resolve and seem to stretch our faith to a point of inelasticity.
 - ▶ Appears to be more problems than nerves to deal with them.
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By way of encouragement . . .

- ▶ Remember who is on our side.

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, **in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.** Romans 8:31*

**LOOK VERTICAL, INSTEAD OF
HORIZONTAL, ESPECIALLY
IN TIMES OF DIFFICULTY,
CHALLENGE & STRUGGLE!**





WHEN YOU REACH THE
END OF YOUR ROPE,



TIE A KNOT IN IT
AND HANG ON.



Lord's Invitation Extended to All

- ▶ **Be added to the Lord's body**
 - Hear the gospel (Acts 15:7)
 - Believe (Acts 8:37, Acts 15:7)
 - Repent of sin (Acts 2:38)
 - Confess (Acts 8:37)
 - Be baptized for the remission of sin (Acts 2:38); or

Lord's Invitation (cont'd)

- ▶ **Be reconciled unto the Lord (1 John 1:8–9); or**
- ▶ **Desire prayer (James 5:16).**

May GOD richly reward and bless you!