

**“CHOICE IS A POWERFUL THING”  
(1 SAMUEL 13-16)**

CENTRAL TRUTH

- When making choices, consider that God’s principles must not be broken and that His paths must be taken.

**1 SAMUEL 13:8-14**

- 1. NEVER COMPROMISE THE PRINCIPLES OF GOD.**
- 2. NO RELIGIOUS EXCUSES EXIST THAT JUSTIFY BREAKING GOD’S PRINCIPLES.**
- 3. NECESSARY TO WAIT UPON GOD.**
  - Faith and obedience meet when asked to do what does not make sense.
- 4. KNOW THAT EVERY CHOICE HAS CONSEQUENCES.**

**1 SAMUEL 16:6-10 – SERVING GOD...**

- 1. HAS MORE TO DO WITH WHAT GOD CAN DO THAN WHAT YOU CAN DO.**
  - Availability NOT ability – requires a trusting heart more than a talented hand.
  - God looks at the condition of the heart not the capabilities of our hands.
- 2. HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH PEOPLE’S OPINIONS OF YOU AND EVERYTHING TO DO WITH YOUR OPINION OF GOD.**
  - Our opinion has NO bearing on His worthiness or eminence, simply on our willingness and dependence.

**1 SAMUEL 16:11-13**

- 1. GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE.**
- 2. GOD WILL EMPOWER AND EQUIP YOU TO COMPLETE HIS PLAN**
  - Spirit took control of David
  - We are to live Spirit-controlled lives. (Eph. 5:18).
- 3. GOD’S PLAN DONE GOD’S WAY BRINGS GOD’S POWER AND GOD’S BLESSING.**