

Anxiety and Impatience? Yet I Will Be Still Confident!

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Praise with Joy : "My God"

Scripture Reading : 1 Samuel 13 : 5 - 12

Opening the heart :

Share such moments when you struggled and were burdened recently because you worried about something that had not even happened yet.

Observing the Word :

1. How strong was the Philistine army Saul faced? (1 Samuel 13 : 5)
2. What was the excuse for Saul himself offering up the burnt offering instead of waiting for Samuel? (1 Samuel 13 : 11)

Studying the Word :

1. Why was Samuel able to have a great victory against Ammon in the past? (1 Samuel 11 : 6) However, why was he spiritually defeated even before fighting the Philistines this time? (1 Samuel 13 : 5)
2. Why was Saul's interpretation that "the Philistines would come down against me at Gilgal" distorted? (1 Samuel 14 : 15) What result did this wrong interpretation produce? (1 Samuel 13 : 14)
3. What was the decisive difference between Saul's life and David's one? (1 Samuel 15 : 21, Psalm 27 : 4) How did that difference appear in their lives? (1 Samuel 13 : 9, fear and impatience) / (Psalm 27 : 3, confidence)

Applying and Sharing :

1. What is the biggest problem you are facing right now? Share your experience that you looked God first and ended up prevailing in the midst of the problem.
2. Like Saul, What situation are you negatively interpreting and worrying about before it ever happens? What part needs to be reinterpreted with a God-centered perspective?
3. Are you treating God as a tool to solve problems? Or are you seeking Him as the One who dwells with you? Share what you can do to recover the intimacy with God today.

Prayer that Responses to the Word :

1. Let us believe that You, Lord, are much greater than the problems. Let us live with a God-centered perspective and interpretation rather than fear.
2. Help us confess that You are not simply a tool for my needs, but my Lord. Let me stay in close relationship with You in any situation.
3. May the sick members of the Inland church experience the Lord's help and healing, and depend on Jesus only in their difficult time.