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- ...Did not _____ God's will
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- ...Focused on what he could SEE
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- ... BLAMING others.
- ...Trusted in his FEELINGS

a) When we sin, God wants REPENTANCE not EXCUSES

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Jonathan was a Man of Faith Because He...

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Three Reasons to Have Courageous Faith:

- 1) It PLEASES and glorifies God
- 2) So we don't miss out on the MIRACULOUS
- 3) God can use ANYONE - Even ME

9) What do the following verses mean to you?

Psalm 31:24 - "Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart, All you who hope in the LORD."

Psalm 27:13-14 - "[13] I would have lost heart, unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living. [14] Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!"

What practical steps can we take to *be of good courage*?

TAKING IT HOME

10) Looking back at your notes and homework, what do you most need to remember or put into practice?

11) Is there a situation in your life you need to surrender to God and stop trying to take into your own hands? If so, take some time to pray and ask God to give you more faith to trust Him with it.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ▶ Pray for the persecuted church in Iran.
- ▶
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Life Group Homework For the week of June 26, 2022

Welcome to Summer Life! Life Groups are on break for the summer. **However, for the next six weeks, we'll meet on Wednesdays at 6:30pm at church for Summer Life.** Similar to Life Groups, we'll gather together to discuss the following questions, encourage one another, pray, and fellowship. Instead of multiple Life Groups meeting in different places, Summer Life invites everyone to come join one, big group discussion. **Childcare is provided.** Please take some time to answer the following questions so you're best prepared for the discussion.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1) Since we're in a larger group, tell us your name. Then, tell us something that has stood out to you so far in our study through 1 Samuel 1-12.

REVIEW

- 2) Looking back at your notes, what stood out to you from this week's message in 1 Samuel 13-14:23? (Favorite point? Questions? etc..)

DIGGING DEEPER

- 3) This week we read about Jonathan's example of a man of faith, and we looked at three things that led to his faith. As you put yourself in Jonathan's "shoes," can you think of any *other* aspects or details of his faith?

- 4) What has been most helpful in your life to remain faithful even when under immense pressure? (verse or practice)
- 5) After King Saul sinned by offering the sacrifice in 1 Samuel 13, he made excuses rather than take ownership of his mistake and repent. What stands out to you from the following passage?

Psalm 51:1-5 - "[1] To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba. Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. [2] Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. [3] For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. [4] Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight--That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge. [5] Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

What do these verses reveal about David's heart?

Using the above passage, what are some ways we can imitate David after we sin?

- 6) What stands out to you from the following section, which occurs later in the same Psalm?

Psalm 51:12-17 - [12] Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit. [13] Then

I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You. [14] Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, The God of my salvation, And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. [15] O Lord, open my lips, And my mouth shall show forth Your praise. [16] For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. [17] The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart--These, O God, You will not despise.

What do you think David meant by saying God did "not desire sacrifice"?

Do you think people try to "fix" their sins by offering "sacrifices"? If so, how?

Do you think we should praise and worship God after we have sinned? Why or why not?

- 7) What counsel would you give a friend who doubts God's love/care for them because of the stressful situation(s) in their life?

- 8) What "triggers" tempt you to fear and panic? What does the enemy love to use to attack your faith?