

How to  
**Respond Properly**  
in Times of Distress  
1 Samuel 13:1-14

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- Every believer must respond properly in times of distress. But how do we do this?
- Let's take the negative example of Saul and turn it into some positive principles for us to live by.

**First, refuse to \_\_\_\_\_ others. vs. 11**

- Saul made some very bad choices, but then attempted to shift the blame to everybody else.
- Every person is responsible and accountable for his or her \_\_\_\_\_ actions.
- *“So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.”* **Romans 14:12**

**Second, refuse to rely on \_\_\_\_\_ reasoning. vs. 12**

- What seemed like a rational decision to Saul, Samuel called \_\_\_\_\_. vs.13
- *“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”* **Proverbs 3:5-6**

- Saul was very self-willed. Instead of truly \_\_\_\_\_ God, he made a decision in his flesh.

**Third, remain \_\_\_\_\_ in the little things. vs. 13-14**

- When in times of distress, it is so easy to lose sight of the little things.
- *“He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.”* **Luke 16:10**
- Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ in the little things.  
John 4:34, 6:38, 8:29

***“For we would not... have you ignorant of our \_\_\_\_\_... we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not \_\_\_\_\_ in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us.”*** 2 Corinthians 1:8-10