

AFTER GODS HEART

For the week of February 22nd, 2026

The Yasha' of God

Life

When you think of the word “*deliver*,” what comes to mind?

Have you ever placed hope in a leader, system, or solution that didn't deliver the way you expected?

Saul's failure came in a moment of fear and pressure. When you feel pressure building, how does it usually affect your decision-making?

The sermon described Saul as “*almost obedient*.” Is there an area in your life where you feel almost surrendered to God, but not fully?

Theology

Read 1 Samuel 9:15–16.

- What does this passage reveal about God's character?

Read 1 Samuel 12.

- Why does Samuel tie Israel's future security to obedience?
- What does this chapter reveal about the relationship between covenant obedience and deliverance?

Read 1 Samuel 15:22-23.

- Why does God prioritize obedience over religious activity?
- How can religious behavior mask disobedience?

Read Matthew 1:21

- The Hebrew root Yasha runs through 1 Samuel and ultimately into the name of Jesus. How does seeing that thread reshape the way you view the unity of Scripture?
- What larger story of deliverance is God telling from 1 Samuel to the Gospels?

In Practice

If God alone is the true deliverer, how should that shape the way we engage with the world around us? In our relationships, cultural movements, or national hopes?

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

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What we've learned thus far:

- God _____ His people.
- God does not _____ His people.
- God _____ to His people.



Yasha': To _____,
_____, or _____.

What makes a King?

- The Burden of Kingship is to bring _____.

Theological Reflections:

- God's deliverance flows through our _____.
- The _____ of deliverance can only be _____ by Yahweh.

Saul's Mistake:

- Instead of remaining _____ to the Lord, Saul chooses _____ to _____.

*"Because you have _____ the word of the Lord,
He has _____ you as king."*

1 Samuel 13:13-14

The Primary Question of 1 Samuel:

- Who will _____ us?

"One Thing:"

- God is the _____ of our _____.

Biblical Storyline:

- The _____ of God was to be incarnated into the living _____.