

Water of Life Community Church  
SAMUEL: A LIFE OF PRAYER  
WEEK 6  
1 SAMUEL 12-15

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## ICE BREAKER

## PRAYER

## WORSHIP

## INTRODUCTION

1 Samuel 12 shows us the importance of fearing the Lord. Chapters 15 show us what happens when we fear people or things more than we fear the Lord.

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ 1 SAMUEL 12:19-24.

- a. What was the Israelites' plea? What was Samuel's response?
- b. How would you describe the difference between godly fear and sinful fear?
- c. Read Psalm 112:7 and Proverbs 3:25-26. What does God say about the fear of bad news in these verses? How can we avoid succumbing to the fear of the unknown?
- d. Knowing Samuel was frustrated with the Israelites for demanding a king, consider Samuel's final remarks to the people of Israel. How did Samuel show grace to the Israelites?
- e. Describe the balance between God's judgment and His grace. When can they complement each other? When do we see both working simultaneously?

2. READ 1 SAMUEL 13:1-15.

- a. Where was Saul's focus when he went ahead with giving up burnt offerings and sacrifices on his own? What caused him to lose patience?
- b. What does impatience reveal about our hearts? What does it communicate about our relationship with God?

3. READ 1 SAMUEL 15:1-35.

- a. How clear were God's instructions to Saul through Samuel?

b. What did King Saul do right in these verses? What did he do wrong?

c. What lessons should you and I draw from Saul's example and God's and Samuel's reactions?

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## PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

What fears tend to rob you of the joy of saying "yes" to the Lord?

How would your life look differently this week if you were to fear disobedience more than any other thing?

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## GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

### REFLECT

- Think about a time in your life where your pride got the best of you. What happened?

### RESPOND

- Write out the things that you feel God is calling you to do in this season, and commit to obedience.

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## MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 56:3, Christian Standard Bible (CSB)

When I am afraid, I will trust in you.

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## NOTES