I. 1 Sam 13:1-14

A. **V7 - Trembling** - To shake, be afraid, be startled
B. **V12** - He says because of these 3 things he saw....he felt “compelled”
   1. **Compelled** - `āphaq - Force through pressure or necessity
C. **3 reasons Saul was NOT a man after God’s heart:**
   1. **When I saw - The people were scattered from me - INSECURITY**
      a) **Scattered** - pûwts - To dash in pieces, break, disperse, spread abroad or scatter
      b) Approval of others determines our actions and behavior; Fear of what others think; responding and reacting to the words and actions of others
         (1) **Proverbs 1:33 (NKJV)** 33 But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, And will be secure, without fear of evil.
      c) A person after God’s own heart cannot be worried about what other people think or blame others for their actions.
      d) **Acts 5:29 (NKJV)** 29 But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men.”
   2. **When I saw - That you did not come within the days appointed - IMPATIENCE**
      a) **V8** - Saul waited 7 days according to the time set by Samuel
         (1) 1 Kings 10:6-9
      b) Amount of time passed determines the amount of faithfulness
      c) A person after God’s own heart will have to wait for Him until the end.
      d) **Matthew 24:13 (NKJV)** 13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved.
         (1) **Endures** - hupṓmēnō - To stay under, persevere; hold one’s ground, be persistent, wait expectantly
         (2) **End** - tēlōs - The point aimed at as a limit; the conclusion
         (3) **Saved** - sōzō - Deliver, protect, heal, make whole
      e) “As soon as he had finished…Samuel came.”
         (1) **Hebrews 10:35–36 (NKJV)** 35 Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. 36 For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:
         (2) **Romans 8:25 (NKJV)** 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.
   3. **The Philistines gathered together at Michmash - INTIMIDATION**
      a) **V5** - The sight of the what the enemy was doing “forced him” to disobey God.
      b) Level of opposition determines our level of courage.
         (1) A person after God’s heart will not allow the enemy’s actions to control theirs.
c) Romans 8:31 (NKJV) 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

d) Joshua 1:5–9 (NKJV) 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

e) Psalm 31:24 (NKJV) 24 Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart, All you who hope in the Lord.

f) Psalm 27:13 (NKJV) 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.

D. **V14** - Your kingdom is over, He is searching for Himself a man

1. Sought - *bâqash* - To look for, to search out, to seek

2. II Chronicles 16:9 NKJV 9 For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.

3. Acts 13:22 NKJV 22 “And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, ‘I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.’”

II. **APPLICATION:**

A. **Person after God’s own heart will be:**

1. Secure - Approval of others does not determine our actions and behavior.

2. Patient - Amount of time passing will not determine the amount of their faithfulness.

3. Courageous - The level of opposition will not determine their level of courage.