

## Dig Deeper into 1 Sam 13:16-14:23 for individuals and lifegroups

 **My God is all I need** **1 Sam 13:16-14:23**

 1) My God is all I need, 13:16-22  
but things look terrible

 2) My God is all I need, 13:23-14:14  
so let's look to Him!

 3) My God is all I need, 14:15-23  
and he wins the victory!

Here are some questions and resources to help dig deeper into 1 Samuel 13 & 14. It's a long passage so you might like to break it into the sections we had in the all age sermon (see above, accompanied by pictures of Mungo the Moose: terrified, praying and victorious!).

1. **Can you think of newspaper headlines for how things are looking in v16-22? Prizes to the best ones- post them on whatsapp! When have you most felt so “outnumbered” in life (metaphorically or perhaps numerically!)?**
2. **How would you describe Jonathan's words and actions in 13:23-14:14? How does he compare with Saul in this section and in the surrounding ones?**
3. **How does the passage (particularly 14:6) encourage us in evangelism? Who in particular are you praying for at the moment to become a Christian?**
4. **Many of us know that “My God is all I need” in theory (and especially in church), but we actually struggle to trust God when everything is against us. Think of ways you can prepare for tough times ahead by embedding God's character more deeply into your thinking and praying. (One way would be to learn some of Hannah's song- 1 Sam 2!)**
5. **So is this passage saying that if we trust God and have faith like Jonathan, everything will turn out alright and we'll have a smile like Mungo in picture 3?**

### Some resources...

- Here is the **Bible Project's** introduction diagram of 1 Samuel <https://bibleproject.com/guides/books-of-samuel/>
- If you are enjoying the material, why not listen to some of our **2019 sermons** on 1 Sam 1-8 at [https://christchurchhuntingdon.co.uk/Groups/316749/1\\_Samuel\\_Returning.aspx](https://christchurchhuntingdon.co.uk/Groups/316749/1_Samuel_Returning.aspx).
- Some **extra notes** that I have put together for lifegroup leaders and preachers and kids workers are [here](#)). They include further online resources and book recommendations.
- **A passion for life website**. Our event is on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026 with Graham Daniels.



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<sup>1</sup> The mention of Ichabod (14:3) takes us back to the rejected line of Eli in 1 Sam 2:30-36 and 1 Sam 4:21-22 . It adds an additional note of dejection and defeat. Here is a rejected King accompanied by a rejected priest. Things aren't looking good for Saul.