



**“Failure is Not an Option – Really?
1 Samuel 13:5-9 and 1 Samuel 13:13-14**

How do you handle failure?

1 Samuel 13, we see Saul taking on the role of a king and leading the nation in battle. Skim through the chapter and write down the points where Saul stumbled in his role and responsibilities. _____

None of us are perfect. At some point we will fail others, ourselves, and God. Saul’s life gives us some points on how to avoid failure

_____ with God.

Read *1 Samuel 13:9-13*. How did Saul move past God? What does this show about Saul’s character and nature?

Read *Psalms 145:15-16*. For what provision, resource that God has provided you can you thank Him for today?

Play as a _____.

Read *1 Samuel 13:3*. How did Saul elevate himself? Under what conditions do we find ourselves more likely to act alone than with someone else’s help?

Read *Ecclesiastes 4:9-12*. Who is on my ministry team?

How do I involve my friends, family in the mission God has placed me on?

Read *1 Corinthians 12:26*. How well do I champion someone else’s successes? How can I do better?

Follow _____ with God. Read *1 Samuel 15:1-3*. Passages like this are hard for us to comprehend from our perspective. They can also be difficult if we see them as only a “snapshot” of God, and not allow the entirety of scripture inform our view of God’s character and nature. How does our comprehensive understanding of God help us better put this passage in perspective?

Reflect on *1 Samuel 15:22*. How does obedience and sacrifice balance out in my life?

God gives us tools to help us not to fail. Which of these can I better apply to my life today?
