

GBC Application Questions

Grace Bible Church desires that you respond to this sermon by believing the gospel, obeying the Savior, and discipling the world for the glory of God. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions and praying through the issues will help you further meditate upon God's Word in order to see how this can be done.

1. In what areas of your life are you prone to being overwhelmed or baited by circumstances such that you might be tempted to justify disobedience?

2. Are our explanations as to why we did not do God's will ever adequate?

3. Look at verses 6—8. What do you identify as the 'stressors' that Saul considered in making his decision? What made him overwhelmed? What do they all have in common?

4. Do you think Samuel's rebuke of Saul was too harsh? Why or why not? Do you think Samuel should have more compassion for the circumstances Saul was in?

5. We of course do 'lack faith' so how can we grow our faith? How can we strengthen our faith? What is essential in strengthening our faith?

6. What are some ways that we can put safeguards in our lives in order to avoid justifying our sinful decisions?

7. According to verse 14, what is required if we are going to live life as a person after God's own heart? Why is that so important? Does it still apply to us today?
