God…. An Ever Present Help
1 Samuel 11
Sermon Outline

A. God is Always Ahead of Us – Don’t Loose Heart (vs. 3-4):

1. When the elders were faced with overwhelming circumstances, they did not lose courage.
2. The elders sought for physical deliverance from the brutal and oppressive hands of Nahesh.
3. Keep moving forward until the purpose is accomplished.
4. Even though the enemy was present to overrun the nation, the messengers traveled for miles until they found a deliverer.
5. The people were distressed by what they heard and with a strong display of emotions wept loudly.

B. God is Always at Work (vs. 6, 9-10):

1. God organized everything for this moment. God had already planned for a successful resistance.
2. God led the messengers to Saul and then God empowered Saul to be their deliverer.
3. God’s covenant love compels Him to never leave us nor forsake us.
4. The Spirit came upon Saul after he had provided the messengers his undivided attention and had come to a full knowledge and understanding of what they were saying.
5. To become “very angry” means to be exceedingly hot with anger so that the person’s nose dilates, breathing becomes intense as they fret.
6. While the people wept Saul became emotionally intense and was ready to react to the problem.
7. Saul’s intent was to remove the distress that the people of Jabesh were experiencing.
8. The word “glad” refers to a spontaneous emotion or extreme happiness expressed in an external manner.
9. The men of Jabesh committed to join the fight.
10. The men of Jabesh accepted the leadership of Saul. Whatever Saul felt was of practical benefit to produce an excellent life they were willing to submit to it.
11. The one who has all authority sincerely desires a relationship with His people and fights for them.
12. The Lord will never forsake his covenant. His love for us draws Him.
13. The Lord labored diligently to remove them from distress to safety.

C. God’s Faithfulness Should Lead to Spontaneous Worship (vs. 14-15):
1. What is being said is being spoken with an intent to do something.
2. The spiritual leader of Israel now leads them.
3. Doing what is upright and responsible before God.
4. To be renewed or restored means to have a renewed heart, to refresh a relationship by putting it back into its original form.
5. As the law directed them, they worshipped God by bringing acceptable offerings to God symbolizing God’s covenant partnership with them. They revered God for protecting them.
6. A “peace offering” Means blood being shed focused on renewing their relationship with God.
7. To greatly rejoice is when the whole of the person is totally absorbed in a spontaneous extreme emotional expressions of happiness.
8. They can be expressive because God demonstrated His love and care for them.
9. They rejoiced because Saul said it is God who liberated them.