

BACK ON TRACK

(The Book of First Samuel) #11:

**“Tested and
Approved!”**

1 Samuel 11:1-15

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**I. INITIALLY,
WE SEE
THE RELUCTANCE
OF LEADERSHIP**

1 Samuel 11:5a

Just then Saul was returning from the fields, behind his oxen, and he asked, “What is wrong with the people? Why are they weeping?”

1 Samuel 11:5a

**II. IN RESPONSE,
NEXT WE SEE
THE RESISTANCE
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1 Samuel 11:1-4

Nahash the Ammonite went up and besieged Jabesh Gilead. And all the men of Jabesh said to him, “Make a treaty with us, and we will be subject to you.” But Nahash the Ammonite replied, “I will make a treaty with you only on the condition that I gouge out the right eye of every one of you and so bring disgrace on all Israel.”

The elders of Jabesh said to him, "Give us seven days so we can send messengers throughout Israel; if no one comes to rescue us, we will surrender to you." When the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul and reported these terms to the people, they all wept aloud.

I Samuel 11:1-4

**III. IN RESPONSE,
THEN WE SEE
THE RESOLVE
OF LEADERSHIP**

I Samuel 11:5b-11

**"For God hath not
given us the spirit of
fear; but of power!"**

II Timothy 1:7

**IV. IN RESPONSE,
LAST WE SEE
THE REAFFIRMATION
OF LEADERSHIP**

I Samuel 11:12-15

The people then said to Samuel, "Who was it that asked, 'Shall Saul reign over us?' Bring these men to us and we will put them to death." But Saul said, "No one shall be put to death today, for this day the LORD has rescued Israel." Then Samuel said to the people,

"Come, let us go to Gilgal and there reaffirm the kingship." So all the people went to Gilgal and confirmed Saul as king in the presence of the LORD. There they sacrificed fellowship offerings before the LORD, and Saul and all the Israelites held a great celebration.

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