



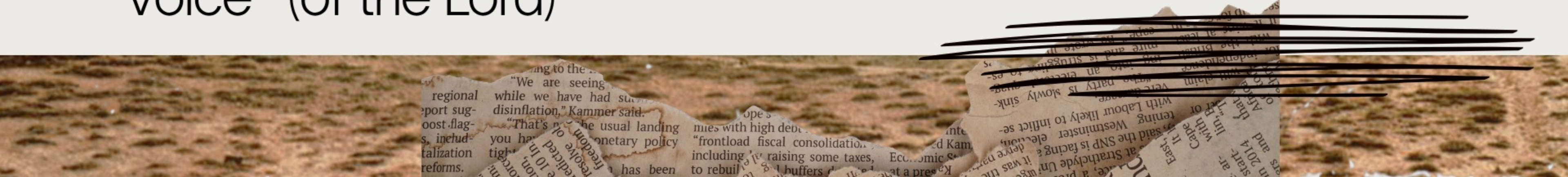
1 SAMUEL

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One of the key themes in 1 Samuel, one of the primary things God is communicating, is the priority of his instructions over everything else.

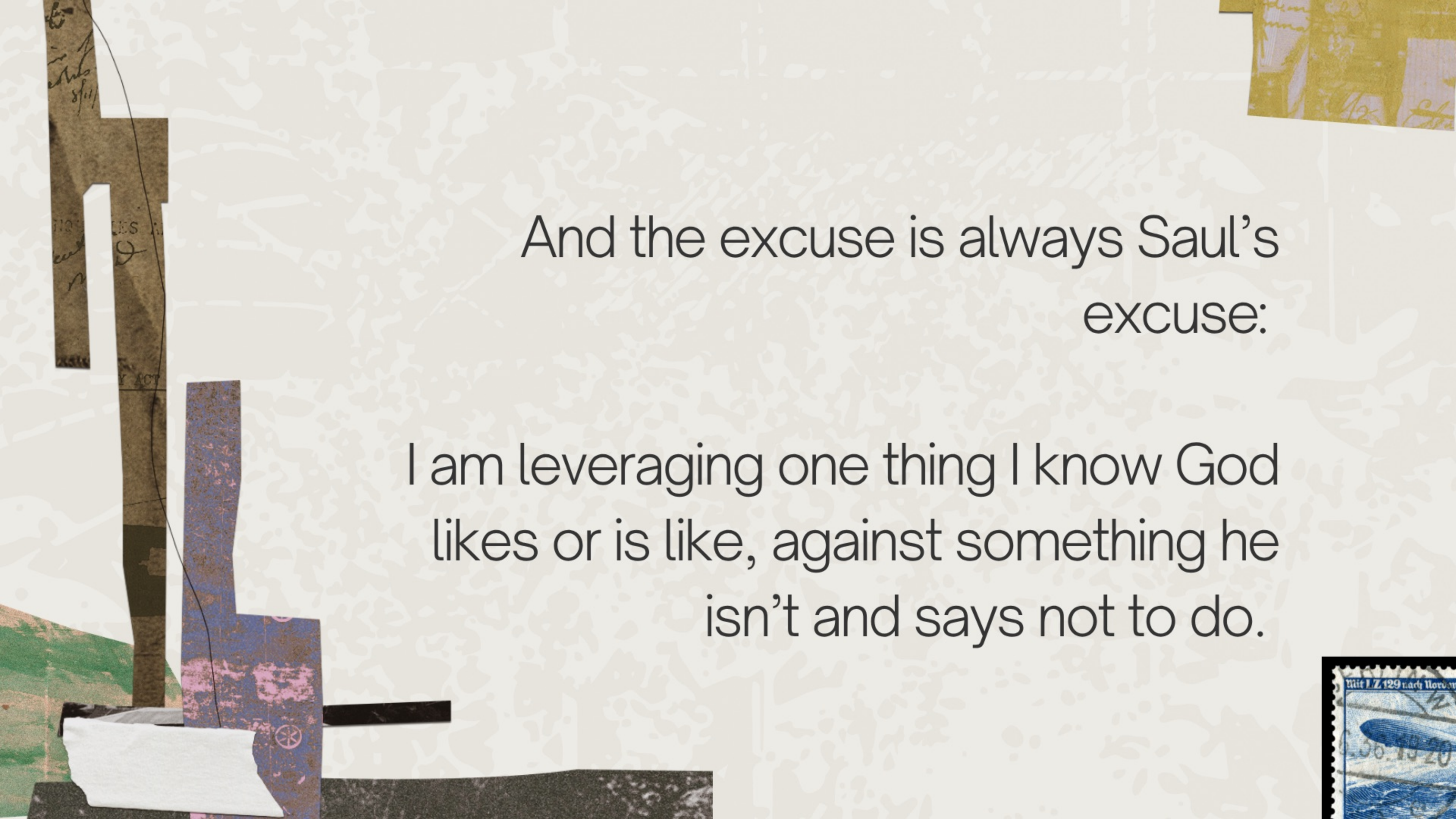
There are multiple and sometimes interchangeable terms in Samuel sprinkled regularly through the text to drive this home:

- “word/message” (of the Lord)
- “Commandment”
- “Command/Instruction”
- “Voice” (of the Lord)



Saul takes the liberty of reinterpreting
what God has actually *said* in light of
what Saul thinks *ought* to matter to
God.





And the excuse is always Saul's
excuse:

I am leveraging one thing I know God
likes or is like, against something he
isn't and says not to do.

In Hebrews 5 and Philippians 2, for example, it says Jesus proved his relationship to the Father God by his obedience.

And in John 14, Jesus says we prove our relationship to him the same way.

