

Weekly Devotional

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Session 10 – Standing Tall, Falling Hard

"For the foundations of the earth are the Lord's on them he has set the world. He will guard the feet of his faithful servants, but the wicked will be silenced in the place of darkness." 1 Samuel 2:8-9.

Just like Eli and his sons we are representatives of God. We represent Jesus to others. You may have heard it said that you may be the only Bible those around you will ever 'read.' The question is, "Are you giving a clear or distorted picture of the One True God?"

Read Ch. 10 in The Story book or in your Bible: **1 Samuel 1:1-2:2; 2:19-21; 3:1-4:18; 8:1-22; 9:1-6, 10, 14-21; 10:1-2, 5-7, 9, 17-26; 11:1-15; 12:1-2a, 12-25; 13:1-14; 15:1-4, 7-9.**

Think on these questions:

1. What do these passages tell us about GOD? (Who is God? What is God like? What has God done?)
2. What do these passages tell us about US (Human Beings)? (What/how are we supposed to be? What has gone wrong?)
3. What do these passages tell us about HOW WE SHOULD LIVE? (What has God done about what has gone wrong? What does He expect of us? How should we live?)

Closing Prayer:

As you take time to pray, here are some ideas to get you started:

- Ask God to help you see where you are being conformed to the world and pray for strength to follow his plan for your life instead.
- Confess where you are tempted to imitate the world and pray that you will experience both God's grace and power to change.
- Ask for the courage you need to follow God's direction in your life. Pray that you will not come up with your own version of the instructions, but will stick with his.

Personal Action:

Just like the people of Israel in Samuel's day, we can be prone to imitate and follow bad examples. Think through your behaviors, practices, shopping patterns, language, hobbies....anything you might do because someone else does it. If you identify something that is unhealthy, ungodly, or offensive, commit to ending that behavior!

Next Session: Please read ch 11 of The Story, "From shepherd to King" Here comes David.....