



# "Faith and the Life of Samuel"

## Living by Faith Series

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### Introduction

30 "Therefore the LORD God of Israel says: 'I said indeed [that] your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever.' But now the LORD says: 'Far be it from Me; for **those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.** [1Sa 2:30 NKJV].

### Those who live by faith...

#### 1. ...put the \_\_\_\_\_ above family and all else.

##### 1) ...Hannah \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord above her greatest desire.

###### ✳ She offered her only son for service to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

25 Then they slaughtered the bull, and brought the boy to Eli. 26 She said, "Oh, my lord! As your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the LORD. 27 "For this boy I prayed, and the LORD has given me my petition which I asked of Him. 28 "So **I have also dedicated him to the LORD; as long as he lives he is dedicated to the LORD.**" And he worshiped the LORD there. [1Sa 1:25-28 NASB95]

24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 "He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. 26 "**If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.** [Jhn 12:24-26 NASB95]

##### 2) ...Eli \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord and got fat on tabernacle sacrifices.

###### ✳ ...Eli \_\_\_\_\_ his sons and refused to discipline them.

29 '**Why do you [Eli] kick at My sacrifice and at My offering which I have commanded [in My] dwelling, and honor your sons above Me, by making yourselves fat with the choicest of every offering of My people Israel?'** [1Sa 2:29 NASB95]

###### ✳ ...Eli had \_\_\_\_\_ for his position and food and lost both.

16 The man said to Eli, "I am the one who came from the battle line. Indeed, I escaped from the battle line today." And he said, "How did things go, my son?" 17 Then the one who brought the news replied, "Israel has fled before the Philistines and there has also been a great slaughter among the people, and your two sons also, **Hophni and Phinehas, are dead**, and the ark of God has been taken." 18 When he mentioned the ark of God, **Eli fell off the seat backward** beside the gate, and **his neck was broken** and he died, **for he was old and heavy.** Thus he judged Israel forty years. [1Sa 4:16-18 NASB95]

19 Now **his daughter-in-law, Phinehas's wife, was pregnant and about to give birth;** and when she heard the news that the ark of God was taken and that her father-in-law and her husband had died, she knelt down and **gave birth**, for her pains came upon her. 20 And about **the time of her death** the women who stood by her said to her, "Do not be afraid, for you have given birth to a son." But she did not answer or pay attention. 21 And **she called the boy Ichabod**, saying, "**The glory has departed from Israel,**" because the ark of God was taken and because of her father-in-law and her husband. 22 She said, "The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God was taken." [1Sa 4:19-22 NASB95]

#### 2. ...are faithful to God's \_\_\_\_\_...

##### 1) Samuel as a \_\_\_\_\_.

###### ✳ ...was dedicated from birth through his whole \_\_\_\_\_.

24 Now when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with a three-year-old bull and one ephah of flour and a jug of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD in Shiloh, although the child was young. ... 28 "So I have also dedicated him to the LORD; **as**

**long as he lives he is dedicated to the LORD.**" And he worshiped the LORD there. [1Sa 1:24, 28]

✳ **...he successfully called Israel to \_\_\_\_\_.**

3 Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, "If you **return to the LORD** with all your heart, remove the foreign gods and the Ashtaroah from among you and direct your hearts to the LORD and **serve Him alone**; and **He will deliver you** from the hand of the Philistines." [1Sa 7:3 NASB95]

✳ **...he effectively interceded for the \_\_\_\_\_.**

5 Then **Samuel** said, "Gather all Israel to Mizpah and I **will pray** to the LORD for you." [1Sa 7:5 NASB95]

10 Now **Samuel was offering up the burnt offering**, and the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel. But the LORD thundered with a great thunder on that day against the Philistines and confused them, so that they were routed before Israel. [1Sa 7:10 NASB95]

**Eli as High \_\_\_\_\_.**

✳ **...was dedicated through his family line from \_\_\_\_\_.**

27 Then a man of God came to Eli and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, '**Did I [not] indeed reveal Myself to the house of your father when they were in Egypt** [in bondage] to Pharaoh's house? 28 '**Did I [not] choose them from all the tribes of Israel to be My priests**, to go up to My altar, to burn incense, to carry an ephod before Me; and did I [not] give to the house of your father all the fire [offerings] of the sons of Israel?' [1Sa 2:27-28 NASB95]

35 'But I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who will do according to what is in My heart and in My soul; and I will build him an enduring house, and he will walk before My anointed always. 36 '**Everyone who is left in your house will come and bow down to him for a piece of silver or a loaf of bread** and say, "**Please assign me to one of the priest's offices so that I may eat a piece of bread.**"'" [1Sa 2:35-36 NASB95]

✳ **...failed to call for \_\_\_\_\_ or make intercession.**

1 Thus the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out to meet the Philistines in **battle** and camped beside **Ebenezer** while the Philistines camped in **Aphek**. 2 The Philistines drew up in battle array to meet Israel. When the battle spread, Israel was **defeated before the Philistines who killed about four thousand men on the battlefield**. [1Sa 4:1-2 NASB95]

3 When the people came into the camp, the elders of Israel said, "Why has the LORD defeated us today before the Philistines? **Let us take to ourselves from Shiloh the ark of the covenant of the LORD**, that it may come among us and deliver us from the power of our enemies." 4 So the people sent to Shiloh, and from there they carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts who sits [above] the cherubim; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, [were] there with the ark of the covenant of God. [1Sa 4:3-4]

**2) Samuel as a \_\_\_\_\_.**

19 Thus Samuel grew and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fail. 20 All Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that **Samuel was confirmed as a prophet of the LORD**. 21 And the LORD appeared again at Shiloh, because the LORD revealed Himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the LORD. [1Sa 3:19-21 NASB95]

✳ **... \_\_\_\_\_ to the voice or word of God even as a \_\_\_\_\_.**

10 Then the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for **Your servant is listening**." [1Sa 3:10 NASB95]

✳ **...are willing to \_\_\_\_\_ on the Lord's behalf.**

11 The LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do **a thing in Israel** at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. 12 "In that day I will carry out **against Eli** all that I

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have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. 13 "For I have told him that I am about to judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knew, because his sons brought a curse on themselves and **he did not rebuke them**. [1Sa 3:11-13 NASB95]

15 So Samuel lay down until morning. Then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. But **Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli**. [1Sa 3:15 NASB95]

### 3) Samuel and as a \_\_\_\_\_.

15 Now **Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life**. 16 He used to go annually on circuit to Bethel and Gilgal and Mizpah, and he judged Israel in all these places. 17 Then his return [was] to Ramah, for his house [was] there, and there he judged Israel; and he built there an altar to the LORD. [1Sa 7:15-17 NASB95]

15 Now Eli was ninety-eight years old, and his eyes were set so that he could not see. ... 18 When he mentioned the ark of God, Eli fell off the seat backward beside the gate, and his neck was broken and he died, for he was old and heavy. Thus he judged Israel forty years. [1Sa 4:15, 18 NASB95]

### 3. ...adapt and transition with God's \_\_\_\_\_...

#### 1) Samuel as a \_\_\_\_\_ prophet...

✳ **...rare prophecy in his childhood to \_\_\_\_\_ of prophets.**

1 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD before Eli. And **word from the LORD was rare in those days, visions were infrequent**. ... 19 Thus Samuel grew and **the LORD was with him and let none of his words fail**. 20 All Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that **Samuel was confirmed as a prophet** of the LORD. [1Sa 3:1, 19-20]

10 When they came to the hill there, **behold, a group of prophets met him**; and the Spirit of God came upon him mightily, so that he prophesied among them. [1Sa 10:10 NASB95]

#### 2) Samuel as the last of the \_\_\_\_\_...

✳ **...transitioned from a \_\_\_\_\_.**

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✳ **...anointed two kings in a \_\_\_\_\_.**

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah; 5 and they said to him, "Behold, you have grown old, and **your sons do not walk in your ways**. Now appoint a king for us to judge us like all the nations." 6 But the thing was displeasing in the sight of Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." And Samuel prayed to the LORD. 7 The LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in regard to all that they say to you, for **they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me** from being king over them. [1Sa 8:4-7 NASB95]

3 His sons, however, did not walk in his ways, but turned aside after **dishonest gain and took bribes and perverted justice**. [1Sa 8:3 NASB95]

### Conclusion

✳ Minister in your calling so that rejection is not due to your lack of integrity.

✳ You can live by faith at any age - Samuel was a prophet from childhood.

✳ God uses all who are bold in their faith to honor Him.

✳ Nothing can bring a completeness in life like fulfilling the calling your Creator has given to you.

✳ Correct your children or God will.