

***Growing
Faith
in God***



Luke 18:8

...when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?

Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please Him (God)...

F A I T H

A young girl with long, light-colored hair is shown from the chest up. Her eyes are closed, and her hands are clasped together in front of her chest in a prayer position. She is looking slightly downwards. The background is a textured, mottled brown and tan color. The text "Let's Pray" is overlaid on the right side of the image in a large, white, sans-serif font.

**Let's
Pray**

The Book of 1 SAMUEL

1 Samuel 2:12-25

¹² Now the sons of Eli were worthless men. They did not know the LORD. ¹³ The custom of the priests with the people was that when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant would come, while the meat was boiling, with a three-pronged fork in his hand, ¹⁴ and he would thrust it into the pan or kettle or cauldron or pot. All that the fork brought up the priest would take for himself. This is what they did at Shiloh to all the Israelites who came there.



1 Samuel 2:12-25

¹⁵ Moreover, before the fat was burned, the priest's servant would come and say to the man who was sacrificing, "Give meat for the priest to roast, for he will not accept boiled meat from you but only raw." ¹⁶ And if the man said to him, "Let them burn the fat first, and then take as much as you wish," he would say, "No, you must give it now, and if not, I will take it by force."



1 Samuel 2:12-25

¹⁷ Thus the sin of the young men was very great in the sight of the LORD, for the men treated the offering of the LORD with contempt. ¹⁸ Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy clothed with a linen ephod.



1 Samuel 2:12-25

21 Meanwhile, the boy Samuel grew up in the presence of the LORD. **22** Now Eli, who was very old, heard about everything his sons were doing to all Israel and how they slept with the women who served at the entrance to the tent of meeting.

23 So he said to them, “Why do you do such things? I hear from all the people about these wicked deeds of yours.



1 Samuel 2:12-25

²⁵ If one person sins against another, God may mediate for the offender; but if anyone sins against the LORD, who will intercede for them?" His sons, however, did not listen to their father's rebuke, for it was the LORD's will to put them to death.



1 Samuel 2:12

Now the sons of Eli were **worthless men**. They **did not know the LORD**.



What did they do?

- Mishandled the offerings
- Committed sexual immorality
- Stumbled God's people



1 Samuel 2:18, 21

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A. Know God



1 Samuel 2:12

¹² Now the **sons of Eli** were worthless men. They **did not know the LORD.**

1 Samuel 3:7

⁷ Now **Samuel did not yet know the Lord**, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.



1 Samuel 2:21

The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh, and there
He revealed Himself to Samuel through his Word.

1 Samuel 9:6

...“Behold, there is a man of God in this city, and he is a man who is held in honour; **all that he says comes true...**”





Romans 10:17

Faith comes from hearing,
and hearing through
the **Word of Christ**.

**Do you know
your God?**

**Do you make time
to study the Word?**





The man who would truly know
God must give time to Him.

A.W. Tozer

B. PLEASE GOD



1 Samuel 2:26 - 3:10

²⁶ Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and also with man. ²⁷ And there came a man of God to Eli and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Did I indeed reveal myself to the house of your father when they were in Egypt subject to the house of Pharaoh?"



1 Samuel 2:26 - 3:10

²⁹ Why then do you scorn my sacrifices and my offerings that I commanded for my dwelling, and honor your sons above me by fattening yourselves on the choicest parts of every offering of my people Israel?" ³⁰ Therefore the LORD, the God of Israel, declares: 'I promised that your house and the house of your father should go in and out before me forever,' but now the LORD declares: 'Far be it from me, for those who honor me I will honor, and those who despise me shall be lightly esteemed.'



1 Samuel 2:26 - 3:10

31 Behold, the days are coming when I will cut off your strength and the strength of your father's house, so that there will not be an old man in your house. **35** And I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who shall do according to what is in my heart and in my mind. And I will build him a sure house, and he shall go in and out before my anointed forever.



1 Samuel 2:26 - 3:10

2 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place.

3 The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

4 Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!"

5 and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me."

But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.



1 Samuel 2:26 - 3:10

⁶ And the LORD called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.”

⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.



1 Samuel 2:26 - 3:10

⁸ And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy.

⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.”



1 Samuel 2:26

Now the boy Samuel
continued to **grow**
both in stature and
in favor with the Lord
and also with man.



1 Samuel 3:2-4

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**Are you
listening**



1 Samuel 3:21

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A low-angle, close-up shot of a person's legs and feet as they run on a paved surface. The person is wearing dark blue athletic leggings and black running shoes with bright orange laces and orange accents on the soles. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with a blue sky and some distant structures.

**C. OBEY
GOD**

1 Samuel 2:35

And I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who shall **do** according to what is in my heart and in my mind...



1 Samuel 3:11-18

¹¹ Then the LORD said to Samuel... ¹³ And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴ Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever.” ¹⁵ Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli.



1 Samuel 3:11-18

16 But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” And he said, “Here I am.” **17** And Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.”

18 So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, “It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him.”



1 Samuel 3:15, 18

¹⁵ Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And **Samuel was afraid** to tell the vision to Eli.

¹⁸ So **Samuel told him everything** and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him."



1 Samuel 3:29

Why then do you scorn my sacrifices and my offerings that I commanded for my dwelling, and **honor your sons above me** by fattening yourselves on the choicest parts of every offering of my people Israel?’

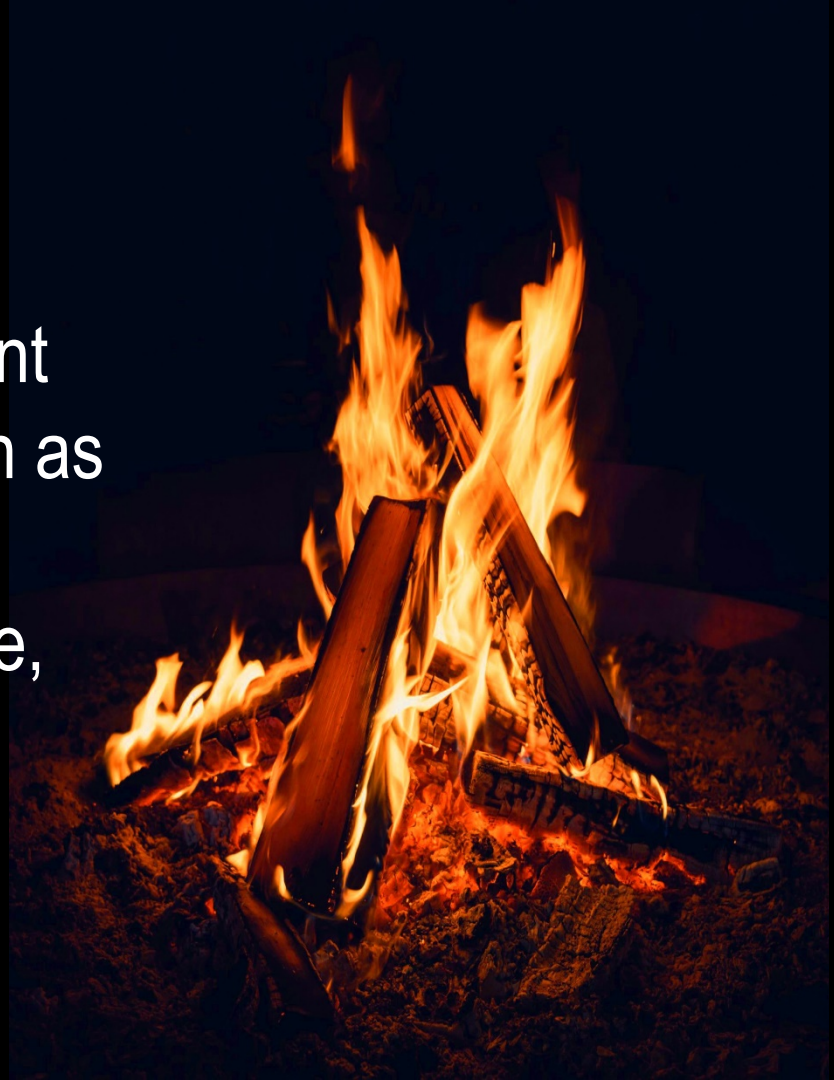


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1 Samuel 15:22

Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the LORD?
To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.



1 Samuel 2:25

If one person sins against another, God may mediate for the offender; but if anyone sins against the LORD, **who will intercede** for them?

1 John 2:1

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you **may not sin**. But if anyone does sin, we have **an advocate** with the Father, **Jesus Christ** the righteous.



1 Samuel 8:1-3

¹ **When Samuel became old**, he made his sons judges over Israel. ² The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba. ³ Yet **his sons did not walk in his ways** but turned aside after gain. They took bribes and perverted justice.



Are you willing to do what it takes to...

Please God?

Obey God

Know God





Let's Pray