

# THE Story

## Lesson 19 Chapter 10 Standing Tall, Falling Hard p.129-143

1. Pages 129-131 tells Hannah's heartbreaking account of barrenness and how her prayer for a child is finally answered. What strikes you about Hannah's character and faith?

What do you learn about prayer from Hannah?

2. What does Eli teach Samuel about listening to God? (p.131-132)

What can we learn about communicating with God as we see Samuel's story unfold?

3. On pages 133-134, try to picture the crushing blow these events were for Israel. The ark was a symbol of the Lord's "glory" or "manifested presence." Why, then, did the Israelites use of it prove unsuccessful?

4. According to pages 135-136, how did Samuel feel about the leaders of Israel's request to give them a king "like all the other nations"?

How did God feel about it?

5. God gives in to their request for a king. Do you believe God still allows us to have our way (on occasion) even if it is not His perfect will for us?

6. On pages 136-138 we have the account of Saul's anointing to be Israel's first king. What three confirmatory signs were given to Saul?

How would they have given him assurance of God's call for him to be king?

7. On pages 140-141, Samuel shares a stern message with his people. How does he both warn them and encourage them?

8. As you read pages 141-143, what factors led to Saul's demise?

How did Saul respond when confronted with his sin?

To think about....what do you respond when confronted with your shortcomings?

9. As you review this portion of God's inspired Word, what truths do you learn about our humanity....

sins to avoid &

examples to follow

our God...

His promises to claim &

His character to embrace