

**dawnSeries:** Not by Might, a study in 1 Samuel

**Sermon:** The Call to Trust

**Primary Text:** 1 Samuel 2:12-3:21

**Discussion guide:**

- The Hebrew word we translate as honor (Kabel) means “be heavy”. What does it mean to “honor” someone or something over someone or something else?
- How will honoring God above all else help you to depend on Him more?
- Read 1 Samuel 2:12-35.
  - What were the sins of Eli’s sons?
  - Why was God punishing Eli?
  - How did Eli honor his sons over God? (see 2:29)
    - How do parents today honor their kids over God?
  - What and who do you struggle to honor over God?
  - Read Luke 14:26.
    - What does this say about honoring others over God?
- Read 1 Samuel 3:1-21.
  - What does it mean to “listen to God as a servant”?
    - Who will doing this lead you to honoring God more?
  - What is God’s first call on Samuel and why was it so difficult?
    - Why does God often ask us to do the *last* thing we want to do? (Jonah and Nineveh, Moses and Egypt)
- How is it better for us when we honor God more than anything else? (see Matthew 6:33)
- How did God honor you over His own Son?
  - What does that mean to you?