



# WEEK TWENTY

## SAMUEL

### DAY 1

1. Begin your study time with prayer. In 1 Samuel 1:1-8, what troubled Hannah?
2. In her distress what does she do, and what vow does she make in 1 Samuel 1:10-18?
3. What happens in 1 Samuel 1:19-20?
4. When Samuel is old enough, what does Hannah do in 1 Samuel 1:21-28?
5. Imagine for a moment the difficulty of honoring the vow she had made to dedicate Samuel to the Lord's service. However, we do not see her waver in fulfilling it. How does this demonstrate both faith and obedience? How might Hannah have been an influence on Samuel's faith, even at his young age?
6. Write out this week's memory verse on a notecard or a piece of paper, and post it somewhere you will see it often (e.g. bathroom mirror, car, desk, kitchen sink, etc.).

### Scripture Memory:

**Has the Lord much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams."**

**~1 Samuel 15:22**

### I'm praying about:

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### DAY 2

1. Begin your study time with prayer. Who does Samuel think is calling to him in 1 Samuel 3:1-7?
2. In 1 Samuel 1:8-9, what does Eli tell Samuel to do?
3. What is the message from the Lord that Samuel receives in 1 Samuel 3:10-14?
4. Read 1 Samuel 3:15-21. How does Samuel feel about telling Eli the vision, and why do you think he feels this way?
5. Though he is afraid, Samuel tells Eli everything the Lord said. How does this demonstrate faith?
6. Write out this week's memory verse below:

### DAY 3

1. Begin your study time with prayer. As Israel is once again oppressed, it falls to Samuel to instruct them. What does he tell them to do in 1 Samuel 7:3-4?
  2. As a prophet Samuel is called to speak for the Lord to the people. What else do we see Samuel do for Israel in 1 Samuel 7:5, 8-9 & 12:7?
  3. How did Samuel view failing to pray for Israel in 1 Samuel 12:23? How does this challenge you to be a prayerful person? Who do you feel compelled by the Lord to pray for? Take a moment and pray for those people now.
  4. Write out this week's memory verse below:
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## DAY 4

1. Begin your study time with prayer. Israel demanded a king, and at God's direction, Samuel anoints Saul as the nation's first king. How does Saul violate the command of the Lord in 1 Samuel 13:5-12, and what is the consequence in 1 Samuel 13:13-14?
2. How does Saul again violate the Lord's command in 1 Samuel 15:1-9?
3. What is the consequence of Saul's disobedience in 1 Samuel 15:10-29?
4. What does God desire more than sacrifices in 1 Samuel 15:22-23, and to what does He compare rebellion? Why do you think God takes rebellion so seriously? What challenge does this pose to your life?
5. Write out this week's memory verse below:

## DAY 5

1. Begin your study time with prayer. What is Samuel called to do in 1 Samuel 16:1, and what is his concern in verse two?
  2. Though he has a legitimate fear of Saul's response, what does Samuel do in 1 Samuel 16:4? Who does he anoint king in 1 Samuel 16:11-13?
  3. Despite the danger, Samuel obeys the Lord. What additional insight into Samuel's character is given in 1 Samuel 12:2-5, and how long did Samuel serve as a prophet and judge, according to 1 Samuel 7:15?
  4. Samuel served the Lord faithfully all his life. How does faith in God drive faithfulness in one's life? If people were to examine your life, would they characterize it as having been faithful to the Lord? Why or why not?
  5. Write out this week's memory verse below:
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