

Sermon Application Study

June 1, 2025

Target Passage → 1 Samuel 4:1-22

1. How do the Israelites react to their defeats at the hands of the Philistines? What does this tell you about their hearts before God?
2. What are the dangers of living as if God's name guarantees success, while ignoring His word and will?
3. Why did Israel call Eli's sons to bring the ark, but didn't call for Samuel?
4. How do the deaths of Eli and Phinehas' wife, and the birth of Ichabod symbolize the spiritual condition of Israel?

Bridge Passages (for further study) → Deuteronomy 18:20-22, Jeremiah 7:1-15

For Me →

1. Are there areas of your life where you are living for yourself, for comfort, control, approval, etc, while claiming the name of Jesus as Lord?
2. Do you treat God more like a tool to help you win your battles, or like the Lord of your life?

For the Mission →

Many people attend church and serve and give money their whole lives without ever making Jesus the Lord of that life. How can we lovingly and truthfully help someone who claims to follow God but is clearly living their own life without coming across as judgmental or self-righteous?

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that God would help you to see the areas of your life that you have not surrendered to Him and wisdom on how to speak in love to others living this way.