

# THE STORY

## FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

### Standing Tall, Falling Hard

Chapter 10 — May 3, 2015

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#### I. The "Characters" as we continue *The Story*. *1 Samuel 1*

- A. A man name **Elkanah** in Ephraim.
- B. His wife **Hannah** prays to God for a child.
- C. "God Hears" and **Samuel** is born and dedicated to service.

#### II. The Three Major **Distortions** of God's Plan

##### A. The Distortion of **Disobedience**.

1. Eli's sons **Hophni** and **Phineas** abuse the sacrificial system and commit immoral acts.
2. God **judges** them with death and the Ark of the Covenant is stolen from Shiloh. *1 Samuel 3-4*

##### B. The Distortion of **Conformity**. *1 Samuel 8*

1. The people ask for a **king** so they can be like all the other nations.

*But the people refused to listen to Samuel. "No!" they said. "We want a king over us. Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles." — 1 Samuel 8:19-20*

2. God tells Samuel that the people are not rejecting him; the people are **rejecting God**

*And the Lord told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king." — 1 Samuel 8:7*

##### C. The Distortion of **Misrepresentation**. *1 Samuel 9-13*

1. God's "**permissive**" will, vs. His "**perfect**" will.
2. Samuel anoints **Saul** to whom God brings victory. *1 Samuel 11*
3. God **rejects** Saul as king and chooses another. *1 Samuel 15*

*The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king." 1 Samuel 16:1*

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