

1 Samuel 7-8
Israel Returns to the LORD
June 5, 2022

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Judges 21:25 Isaiah 55:6-7 1 Samuel 4:3,22
1 Samuel 6:20; 7:6 1 John 1:8-10

- 1) God will often use _____ to shatter the *illusion* that all is well... and ultimately draw us to Himself.

How to Return to the LORD:

- (a) Turn to the LORD with _____
(b) Turn away from _____
(c) _____ our _____
(d) It's a _____ attitude.

1 Samuel 8:1-9 Israel Demands a King

Matthew 23:25-26 Judges 8:22-23

When it comes to parenting,..

- We have great influence, but not _____
- They'll follow your _____ more than your words
- The gospel can change their heart, your _____ can't

Verses 10-22 "King Me Anyways!"

John 3:16 Matthew 20:28 1 John 3:1a
Deuteronomy 26:17-19 1 Samuel 7:10 James 4:10

If God is my LORD...

...I'll come _____, not _____
Matthew 26:36-43

...I'll obey Him even when I don't _____ or understand
Genesis 37 & 39

...I'll trust His _____ and _____ as best.
2 Corinthians 12:7-10

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- 1) God will often use PAIN to shatter the *illusion* that all is well... and ultimately draw us to Himself.

How to Return to the LORD:

- (a) Turn to the LORD with ALL YOUR HEART
(b) Turn away from IDOLS
(c) CONFESS our SIN
(d) It's a CONTINUAL attitude.

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When it comes to parenting,..

- We have great influence, but not CONTROL
- They'll follow your EXAMPLE more than your words
- The gospel can change their heart, your RULES can't

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If God is my LORD...

...I'll come ASKING, not DEMANDING
Matthew 26:36-43

...I'll obey Him even when I don't LIKE IT or understand
Genesis 37 & 39

...I'll trust His ANSWER and TIMING as best.
2 Corinthians 12:7-10

TAKING IT HOME

- 5) Are there any areas in your life you need to surrender (or *re-surrender*) to God's Lordship? If so, what are they?

- 6) Looking back at your notes and homework, what do you most need to remember or put into practice?

- 7) If you had to pick one thing, what has God done in your life this Spring? (Something He revealed/A way He came through/etc)

PRAYER REQUESTS

We encourage your group to spend some extra time in prayer if there's time for it.

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Life Group Homework For the week of June 5, 2022

This is the last week of Life Groups for the Spring Quarter! Life Groups will be on break for the summer so that we can start afresh in September with renewed excitement! Please let us know if you plan to remain in the same Life Group, try a new one, or take a break for the Fall Quarter. **You can do this, as well as give us feedback, by filling out the feedback form on our website.**

1. www.OpenGateFellowship.com
2. Click on "Life Groups"
3. Click the Feedback Form link



MY STORY

- 1) After God miraculously delivered the Israelites from the Philistines in 1 Samuel 7, they set up an "Ebenezer" or *Stone of Remembrance*". What is your Ebenezer? Can you recall a situation in your life where God came through? A situation you want to remember, to help you remain faithful in the next storm/situation?

- 2) This week we talked about how God can use pain or suffering to "wake us up" and ultimately draw us to Himself. In what ways have you seen this happen in your own life or the lives of others?

REVIEW

- 3) Looking back at your notes, what stood out to you from this week's message? (Favorite point? Questions? etc..)

DIGGING DEEPER

- 4) Read the following passages recounting Jesus' night before He was arrested, in the Garden of Gethsemane. Make notes of what stands out or confuses you.

Matthew 26:36-43 - "[36] Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there." [37] And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. [38] Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me." [39] He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will." [40] Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What? Could you not watch with Me one hour? [41] "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." [42] Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done." [43] And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy."

Luke 22:39-46 - "[39] Coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him. [40] When He came to the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." [41] And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, [42] saying, "Father, if it is Your will,

take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." [43] Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. [44] And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. [45] When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow. [46] Then He said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation.""

Why do you think these passages give some different details of what happened?

In what ways can you relate to Jesus?

How do these passages encourage you?

How do they challenge you?

Why do you think it's important to treat God as the LORD of your life?

What dangers are there if we treat Him more like a "cosmic consultant"?