

Standing Tall, Falling Hard  
Ch 10 Workbook

Day One

Read I Sam 1:1-2:11

1. Why might God permit a Peninnah in our lives?
2. When have you had an Eli experience (v.12-14), where you were judged unfairly? How did you react?
3. What could have been the reason God allowed Hannah to be childless for so long?
4. What Upper Story do you see in this passage?

Today's passage clearly shows that God works in and through suffering. Focus your prayer time today on asking God how He wants to use some of your toughest times for His glory. Write a prayer in response.

Day Two

Read I Sam3:1-5:12

1. Why do you think the Israelites were defeated by the Philistines?

2. How did they attempt to ensure victory the second time?

Why would they use this method?

3. Why do you think they were defeated the second time?
4. What did God accomplish by allowing the Ark to be captured?
5. The Israelites attempted to apply a methodology or ritual to ensure success. How do we do this today?

Focus your prayer time today on asking God where you may be relying on ritual or past experience to gain a result. Write a prayer in response to what He shows you.

## Day Three

Read 1 Sam 8:1-22

1. How was Israel led up until this time?
2. Why did the people demand a king?
3. What was Samuel trying to tell the people about having a king and how it would effect them?

4. What does their demand for a king tell us about the Israelites?
5. Why would God go ahead and permit this to happen?

Focus your prayer time today on who your king is. In what areas are you NOT allowing Him to be King? Write a prayer in response to God as your King.

Day Four

Read 1 Sam 9:1-10:27

1. Who chose Israel's king?
2. What can we tell about Saul from this passage?
3. Why do you think God directed Samuel to Saul specifically?
4. What subsequently became apparent about Saul?
5. Has God ever permitted you to have what you demanded, even to your own regret?

Today's passage clearly shows us we often don't know what's best for us. Focus your prayer time today on asking God to show you any areas

where you may be seeking your own agenda. Write a prayer in response.

Day Five

Read 1 Sam 12:1-13:15, 15:1-35

1. What does Samuel warn the Israelites about in his farewell address?

2. Why would God remove Saul as king over the events of Ch 13?

3. What does the events of Ch 15 show us about Saul?

4. Write 1 Sam 15:22 down and re-read it slowly a few times. What is God telling us through this verse?

How does God want to apply v.22 in your life, specifically?

After meditating on this verse for awhile, write a prayer in response.



