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TRANSFORMATION

"And we... are being transformed into His likeness."

2 Corinthians 3:18

CHETS TOP 5

Chets Chicks
Mentoring
Coffee
February 21st
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
February 28th
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Fresh Start
LifeGroup Begins
February 21st• 9:45 a.m.
Room 232

Campus Baptism
February 28th

On Purpose
Ministries House
Needs
Collecting donations for the
next two weeks

Men's Bible
Studies
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Discussion Guide

Life Sentences - "Rahab"

FOCUS: to examine the faith of an unlikely hero, Rahab, and be challenged to live a life of influence in the coming week.

"You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews." John 4:22 (NIV)

1. Why would men of God stay at the house of the harlot, Rahab? (Joshua 2:1)
2. What prompted Rahab to tell a lie? (v. 4)
3. In this situation, was it permissible for Rahab to lie?
4. Do you think it is permissible to lie or be unethical if it is to carry out God's plan? If so, list examples.
5. Rahab is mentioned 8 times in the Bible. Look up each passage and record each reference to her.
 - a. (Joshua 2:1)
 - b. (2:3)
 - c. (6:17)
 - d. (6:23)
 - e. (6:25)
 - f. (Matthew 1:5)
 - g. (Hebrews 11:31)
 - h. (James 2:25)
6. God even used a harlot to carry out His plan. What does this say about His grace?
7. What were the main points of Rahab's statement of faith? (vs. 9-13)
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
8. What promises did the spies make to Rahab? (vs. 17-21)
9. How fast did she act on her promise? (v. 31)
10. Record why Rahab's life sentence could be "salvation is from the Jews."
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
 - f.
11. Rahab influenced those around her, leading to their deliverance. In what ways are you to affect others according to these verses?
 - a. (Philippians 2:14-15)
 - b. (1 Peter 2:9)
 - c. (1 Peter 2:11-12)

Read Thru the Bible

"How sweet your words taste to me; they are sweeter than honey. Your commandments give me understanding; no wonder I hate every false way of life. Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."

Psalm 119:103-105

Feb	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalm	Proverbs
21	Leviticus 4:1-5:19	Mark 1:21-45	25:1-7	6:4-5
22	Leviticus 6:1-7:21	Mark 2:1-22	25:8-15	6:6-8
23	Leviticus 7:22-8:36	Mark 2:23-3:12	25:16-22	6:9-11
24	Leviticus 9:1-11:12	Mark 3:13-34	26:2-7	6:12-15
25	Leviticus 11:13-13:17	Mark 4:1-20	26:8-12	6:16-19
26	Leviticus 13:18-14:14	Mark 4:21-41	27:1-6	6:20-22
27	Leviticus 14:15-15:12	Mark 5:1-20	27:7-14	6:23-26
28	Leviticus 15:13-16:34	Mark 5:21-43	28:1-5	6:27-29

LifeGroup Prayer Requests:

"You are not responsible for everyone in the church family - but you are responsible to them. So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

LOOKING TOWARD NEXT SUNDAY

Eli - Malachi 2:2

To identify how Eli dishonored God and be challenged to live a God-honoring life in the coming week.

MONDAY - FEBRUARY 22, 2010

Read 1 Samuel 1:3-9, 2:28

3 Year after year this man went up from his town to worship and sacrifice to the LORD Almighty at Shiloh, where Hophni and Phinehas, the two sons of Eli, were priests of the LORD. 4 Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninah and to all her sons and daughters. 5 But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the LORD had closed her womb. 6 And because the LORD had closed her womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. 7 This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the LORD, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat. 8 Elkanah her husband would say to her, "Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?" 9 Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on a chair by the doorpost of the LORD's temple.

28 I chose your father out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to go up to my altar, to burn incense, and to wear an ephod in my presence. I also gave your father's house all the offerings made with fire by the Israelites.

- What did Eli do for a living? (1 Samuel 1:9)
- What are the names of Eli's sons? (1 Samuel 1:3)
- What are the chief duties of the priest? (1 Samuel 2:28)
- As followers of Jesus Christ what are we to do? (1 Peter 2:9)
- List your praises – How can you proclaim these praises today?

TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 23, 2010

Read 1 Samuel 2:12-17

12 Eli's sons were wicked men; they had no regard for the LORD. 13 Now it was the practice of the priests with the people that whenever anyone offered a sacrifice and while the meat was being boiled, the servant of the priest would come with a three-pronged fork in his hand. 14 He would plunge it into the pan or kettle or caldron or pot, and the priest would take for himself whatever the fork brought up. This is how they treated all the Israelites who came to Shiloh. 15 But even before the fat was burned, the servant of the priest would come and say to the man who was sacrificing, "Give the priest some meat to roast; he won't accept boiled meat from you, but only raw." 16 If the man said to him, "Let the fat be burned up first, and then take whatever you want," the servant would then answer, "No, hand it over now; if you don't, I'll take it by force." 17 This sin of the young men was very great in the LORD's sight, for they [a] were treating the LORD's offering with contempt.

- What kind of priests were Eli's sons? (vs. 12)
- What custom did Eli's sons use with the people? (vs. 13-16)
- How was this custom corrupt? (Leviticus 7:22-36)
- What would you think of a corrupt priest?
- Are there "customs" that you have created that are not honoring to God?
- What steps will you take to adjust or change these "customs"?

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WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 24, 2010

Read 1 Samuel 2:12, 18-26

12 Eli's sons were wicked men; they had no regard for the LORD.

18 But Samuel was ministering before the LORD - a boy wearing a linen ephod. 19 Each year his mother made him a little robe and took it to him when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. 20 Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, saying, "May the LORD give you children by this woman to take the place of the one she prayed for and gave to the LORD." Then they would go home. 21 And the LORD was gracious to Hannah; she conceived and gave birth to three sons and two daughters. Meanwhile, the boy Samuel grew up in the presence of the LORD. 22 Now Eli, who was very old, heard about everything his sons were doing to all Israel and how they slept with the women who served at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. 23 So he said to them, "Why do you do such things? I hear from all the people about these wicked deeds of yours. 24 No, my sons; it is not a good report that I hear spreading among the LORD's people. 25 If a man sins against another man, God [a] may mediate for him; but if a man sins against the LORD, who will intercede for him?" His sons, however, did not listen to their father's rebuke, for it was the LORD's will to put them to death. 26 And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the LORD and with men.

- Describe Hannah's relationship with her son Samuel?
- Describe Eli's relationship with his sons?
- Compare Hannah and Samuel's relationship with that of Eli and his sons. (vs. 12, 18, and 26)
- In what ways can you prepare your children to "grow in the Lord"?
- What is the significance of verse 25?
- What relationships in your life is the Lord dealing with you about?
- How do you need to respond to Him?

THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 25, 2010

Read 1 Samuel 2:27-36

27 Now a man of God came to Eli and said to him, "This is what the LORD says: 'Did I not clearly reveal myself to your father's house when they were in Egypt under Pharaoh? 28 I chose your father out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to go up to my altar, to burn incense, and to wear an ephod in my presence. I also gave your father's house all the offerings made with fire by the Israelites. 29 Why do you [a] scorn my sacrifice and offering that I prescribed for my dwelling? Why do you honor your sons more than me by fattening yourselves on the choice parts of every offering made by my people Israel?' 30 "Therefore the LORD, the God of Israel, declares: 'I promised that your house and your father's house would minister before me forever.' But now the LORD declares: 'Far be it from me! Those who honor me I will honor, but those who despise me will be disdained. 31 The time is coming when I will cut short your strength and the strength of your father's house, so that there will not be an old man in your family line 32 and you will see distress in my dwelling. Although good will be done to Israel, in your family line there will never be an old man. 33 Every one of you that I do not cut off from my altar will be spared only to blind your eyes with tears and to grieve your heart, and all your descendants will die in the prime of life. 34 " 'And what happens to your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, will be a sign to you—they will both die on the same day. 35 I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in my heart and mind. I will firmly establish his house, and he will minister before my anointed one always. 36 Then everyone left in your family line will come and bow down before him for a piece of silver and a crust of bread and plead, "Appoint me to some priestly office so I can have food to eat." ' "

- What was the prophet communicating to Eli? (vs. 27-28)
- What was the accusation in verse 29?
- What did God have to say about Eli in verse 30?
- What does God expect of us today as priests? (1 Peter 2:5)

FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 26, 2010

Read 1 Samuel 3:1-10

1 The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions. 2 One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. 3 The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple [a] of the LORD, where the ark of God was. 4 Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." 5 And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. 6 Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. 8 The LORD called Samuel a third time, and Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. 9 So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10 The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

- What rare thing happened to Samuel?
- What instruction did Eli give Samuel in verse 9?
- What did the Lord tell Samuel? What did Samuel do with the information? (Vs. 11-18)
- How are God's expectations for Eli's life different than His expectations for your life?
- Eli was a careless and disobedient priest – he failed to take care of himself physically, and he failed in raising his sons to fear the Lord.
- Read Malachi 2:1-2 - How does this verse sum up Eli's life?