

How to Recover From a Backslidden Heart!

1 Samuel 2-4

Matters of the Heart, Pt. 2

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1 Samuel 4:21, She named the boy Ichabod, saying “The Glory has Departed...”

Judges 21:25, In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit.

- Eli’s Claim to **FAME**

1 Samuel 1:17, Eli answered, “Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.”

1 Samuel 1:25, ... they brought the boy to Eli.

1 Samuel 3:8, A third time the LORD called, “Samuel!” 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.

- Eli’s Claim to **SHAME**

1 Samuel 2:12, Eli’s sons were scoundrels; they had no regard for the LORD.

1 Samuel 2:17, This sin of the young men was very great in the LORD’s sight, for they were treating the LORD’s offering with contempt.

1 Samuel 2:22, 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.

1 Samuel 2:23, 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; the report I hear spreading among the LORD’s people is not good.

1 Samuel 4:21, She named the boy Ichabod, saying, “The Glory has departed from Israel”—because of the capture of the ark of God and the deaths of her father-in-law and her husband. **22** She said, “The Glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured.”

How to Recover From a Backslidden Heart:

1. Don’t Ignore Your Own **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**
2. Talk to Your Family About **BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES**

Deuteronomy 6:4, Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. **5** Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. **6** These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. **7** Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. **8** Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. **9** Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

3. Don’t Be Afraid to **DISCIPLINE**

Hebrews 12:11, No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

4. Give Your Family the BEST GIFTS

Matthew 7:9, "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? **10** Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? **11** If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"

5. Be Willing to Forgive and RECEIVE BACK

Luke 15:24, "For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." So they began to celebrate.