Compass Life Adult Sunday School

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**“The Greatest Stories Ever Told-4”**

**I. “Devoted to God” (Samuel)**

 Setting Shiloh and Ramah

 Characters God, Hannah, Elkanah, Samuel, Eli

 Problem Who will righteously represent the Lord in Israel

 Options A new judge Samuel or will Eli and his sons repent

 Resolution Hannah’s son Samuel becomes the new judge

**3 Important Ideas**

God’s solutions to solving big problems starts with using people in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Samuel never became jealous when God chose seemingly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people than him.

Samuel deeply loved and cared for Saul, even when Saul disobeyed God and lost his job.

**2 Things for Today**

When people reject you and your counsel, many times they are rejecting God first.

Our God values your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to him over any form of personal sacrifice or works.

**II. “When you Disappoint God” (Saul)**

 Setting Amalek

 Characters God, King Saul, and Samuel

 Problem Is partial obedience acceptable to God?

 Options To fully obey all of Gods commands or use your own common sense

 Resolution King Saul disobeys God and loses his job

**3 Important Ideas**

Exterior and physical appearances are not a direct reflection of a person’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Personal ambition and jealously lead to the inevitable destruction of you and others.

God will punish sin and change leaders when there is no repentance from sin.

**2 Things for Today**

Desiring earthly kings, leaders and politicians rather than the power of Christ is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Leading people requires leaders that seek to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for their followers.

**III. “A Promise of a Savior” (David)**

 Setting Jerusalem

 Characters God, David, and Nathan

 Problem The stability of the United Kingdom is at risk

 Options God will intervene & stabilize the kingdom or allow the kingdom to fall

 Resolution God makes an everlasting covenant with David to establish his throne

**3 Important Ideas**

God continues to use unlikely people as important leaders to manifest his will in the world.

Right after God uses David in a powerful way, he experiences \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to disobey him.

David is not without faults, troubles and limitations, he is a flawed man that God uses.

**2 Things for Today**

Never believe unconfessed and unrepentant sin will remain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

When you are a leader, your sin will not only impact you, but all of those in your care.

**IV. “Seeking God’s Wisdom and Worldliness” (Solomon)**

 Setting Jerusalem

 Characters God and Solomon

 Problem How will Solomon rule Israel?

 Options Seek the wisdom of the Lord or seek materialism and our own way.

 Resolution Solomon initially seeks the wisdom of God and he provides it in full.

**3 Important Ideas**

It is not how Solomon started his rulership, rather it is how he finished so poorly.

Solomon’s pursuit of personal wealth and foreign women caused the kingdom’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Even in his sin God allowed Solomon to build a temple for his glory.

**2 Things for Today**

Choose confession and repentance of your sin, rather than sin management.

Remember the powerful temptation that both \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ possess.

**V. “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” (Psalms and Wisdom)**

 Setting Jerusalem

 Characters God, and the Sons of Korah

 Problem The people fear destruction physically and spiritually

 Options Trust God for everything or face total destruction

 Resolution God is with us physically and spiritually

**3 Important Ideas**

God is deeply concerned with our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ protection especially in tough circumstances.

God will be our strength and rules above and over the evil people and events of this world.

Lay down your arms and surrender is the correct meaning for Be Still and Know I am God

**2 Things for Today**

The Psalms are a place that every Christian should visit daily in order to worship the Lord.

Remember that no matter how bad things get, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and he is our mighty fortress.

**2/2 “The Early Decisions” Supreme Court Decisions that Impacted Christianity ”**