



What easily distracts you?

Any of us can be easily distracted and miss what’s important. *1 Samuel 2* tells the tragic story of Eli, his family, and how the nation of Israel became distracted from God’s presence. Skim *1 Samuel 2:12-26* and note the distraction points you see.

Focus on God’s _____.

Read *1 Samuel 2:18-21* again. What barriers do you see could have prevented Samuel’s growth in his relationship with God? How do they compare to the barriers in each of our lives?

In what ways do you think God has been at work preparing you?

Focus on God’s _____.

Read *1 Samuel 2:22-26*. What captures your attention in this section?

In your own words describe the spiritual condition of Eli’s household.

Read *1 Samuel 2:26*. How could Samuel continue to grow in his relationship with God under these conditions? How can/will you continue to grow in your relationship in spite of conditions in your life?

Can I see beyond the _____ and see God? What keeps me from doing so?

Focus on God’s _____.

Read *1 Samuel 4:5-8*.

How has Israel’s understanding of God changed?

How has my understanding of God changed?

God’s purpose is to bring people into a life changing, eternity altering relationship with himself and use each of us in His purpose.

How do I see God using me in achieving his purpose?

Can I take a moment and pray and ask God to show me how He would have me be involved in His purpose? What do I think He is saying to me?

Where is my focus today?
