

**Week 6 - Samuel**

Each of us has the potential to live like those on the list of God's ordinary, everyday greats-ordinary people who do extraordinary things.

**The testimony of Samuel's life:**

1 Samuel 3:19,20 (ESV)

1 Samuel 25:1(a)(ESV)

Hebrews 11:32 (ESV)

1 Samuel 4:1 (a)(ESV)

Jeremiah 15:1(ESV)

1 Samuel 1:21-28 (ESV)

1 Samuel 7:15 (ESV)

Acts 3:24 (ESV)

1 Samuel 2:11(ESV)

1 Samuel 2:26(ESV)

**The testimony of Eli's sons:**

1 Samuel 2:12 (ESV)

1 Samuel 2:18-21 (ESV)

1 Samuel 2:16, 17 (ESV)

1 Samuel 2:22-25 (a)

**Passive people become the plunder of mediocrity.**

**Passionate people are attractive to God, and they become the preferred resting place for His Presence.**

**Passion is the key to living in the favor and Presence of God.**

1 Samuel 2:27, 30(b), 31, 35 (ESV)

**Key life principle – God will allow YOU to determine the level of your relationship with HIM.**

1 Samuel 4:3(b) (ESV)

1 Samuel 3:1-8 (ESV)

**God pursues those who love His Presence and fulfills His purpose in their lives.**

**God is attracted to those who are attracted to Him.**

James 4:8 (ESV)

1 Samuel 3:19,20 (ESV)

Hebrews 5:11-14 (NASB)

1 Samuel 4:1 (a)(ESV)

1 Samuel 3:9-11 (ESV)

1 Samuel 7:15 (ESV)

**Spiritually passive people experience doubt, disappointment, and defeat.**

**Spiritually passionate people experience power, promotion, and the Person of Christ.**

# DISCUSS & APPLY

These questions can be used for personal study and/or in a Small Group format. We'd love to hear how you are putting them to use, so let us know at [smallgroups@manna.church](mailto:smallgroups@manna.church)

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1. Contrast Eli and his sons with Samuel & Hannah (1 Samuel 1 - 4). If passion and passivity reflect the temperature of one's heart, how does Eli and his son's passivity reflect the temperature of their hearts in their relationship with God and in the purpose to which God called them? How is Samuel passionate in his relationship with God and in the purpose God placed inside of him?
2. God allows us to determine the level of relationship we have with Him. James 4:8 says, "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you." How does this relate to one's daily experience with God?
3. The outcome of passivity and passion can be passed on generationally and within one's sphere of influence. What steps can you take to live more spiritually passionate versus spiritually passive?
4. Throughout this sermon series, we have heard of many "unlikely heroes"-- average people that God had a relationship with and a purpose for. What has God revealed to you about being an "unlikely hero"?
5. Extra Credit: Read 1 Samuel 5:1-12. God's heavy hand of affliction came upon the Philistines through a plague of "tumors". Scholars believe it was likely the first recorded experience of the bubonic plague. In 1 Samuel 6:1-6, you will find information that gives credence to that hypothesis. What is it?

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