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**FUNDOCY Homework: Of Tents and Kings**

Lesson Taught on Sunday, December 2

Homework Due: Sunday, December 16

*When called, Samuel was willing to listen and, thus, became the catalyst for a new era. Later, when the people wanted a king, Samuel (and God) suggested otherwise. The people made their demands got what they wanted and paid the price.*

*As we learn about Samuel and the early Israelite kings, we are called to ask ourselves: Are we willing to listen to the warning voice of God and say “thy will, not my will be done?”*

*Many years after Samuel, God was faithful to David for the sake of the promise, not because there was something special about him or his descendants. That promise became the means by which the ultimate blessing came to the nations: Jesus, son of David.*

*Through this lesson, we are minded that God wants to speak to each of us! God wants to protect us from things that would harm us. God wants to use us—use YOU—in spite of our sin, in order to bless the world.*

**Part I: The Lesson**

1. Which of the following is not in the right chronological order?

- a) Abraham, Isaac, Jacob,
- b) Jacob, Joseph, Moses,
- c) Moses, Joshua, David,
- d) David, Solomon, Ruth

2. Read Joshua 1:1-9

- Moses died before ever entering the Promised Land. Joshua is left to lead the people.
- What does God command Joshua to do? (Joshua 1:2)

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- How does God command Joshua to do this task? (1: 6, 7, 9)

God says to be “\_\_\_\_\_”

3. In Joshua 1:9, God promised the Children of Israel, “The Lord your God is...”:

- a) “...with you if you keep out of trouble,”
- b) “...with you wherever you go,”

- c) "...with you if you promise to tithe 10% to the church,"
- d) "...with you if you promise to kill everyone you encounter"

4. What was the major problem with the Promised Land as Joshua prepared to enter it?:

- a) It had no ocean front property,
- b) It was empty of all life,
- c) It was full of rather large and dangerous people who didn't exactly want to move out,
- d) It had no mall within miles or bus system

5. In order to live in the Promised Land, first Joshua and the people of Israel must conquer the land. This required a violent and brutal war. Many people are killed, and entire cities are butchered.

- How was this God's will? (There are no wrong answers here!)

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- How would you feel if God asked you to lead people in a conquest like this one?

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6. Soon after settling in the Promised Land, the Children of Israel:

- a) Forgot the God who brought them out of Egypt,
- b) Started worshipping other gods,
- c) Both A and B,
- d) Opened a lot of casinos

7. After settling in the Promise Land, Israel becomes unfaithful to God.

- a) Read Judges 2:11-12. Who does Israel worship instead of God?

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8. The infidelity of the Israelites causes them to lose many battles. Even though they haven't been faithful to God, God does something to help them.

- a) Read Judges 2:16. What does God do?

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- Read Judges 2:17. Does Israel listen to the judges? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Even though they are unfaithful, God keeps the promise of blessing alive through the loyalty and commitment of a foreign woman named Ruth.

a) Read Ruth 1:16. Ruth promises to stay with Naomi and serve the one true God, the God of Israel. She is grafted into God's promise and becomes the mother of Obed, the great grandmother of David, and thus, the ancestor of the Messiah.

b) Why do you think Ruth chose to stay with Naomi and worship Naomi's God?

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10. Israel wanted a king, but Samuel said it was a bad idea because:

- a) Kings are highly over-rated,
- b) Kings only cause trouble,
- c) Taxes would go way up,
- d) He was concerned they'd trust in their king, not in God

11. In the Promised Land, Israel sees that all the other nations have a king, and Israel demands a King as well. Samuel, a leader within the community, warns Israel that kings will cause trouble, tax them, and take their sons to war, but the people don't believe him. They get their way and Samuel anoints Saul as the first king of Israel.

a) Read 1 Samuel 15:10-11. The speaker is God. Is God happy that Saul is king? \_\_\_\_\_  
Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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b) Read 1 Samuel 16:13. A new king is anointed. Upon whom does the Spirit of the Lord come? \_\_\_\_\_

12. The new King is blessed in battle after battle, but after a while, he abuses his power as well.

a) Read 2 Samuel 11:2-5. What sin does David commit? \_\_\_\_\_

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b) Read 2 Samuel 12: 15-19. The baby in his passage is David's child. What happens to this baby as punishment for David's sin? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. 1 and 2 Kings tells the story of the kings who followed after King David. Some of them are good, but many of them are bad and cause Israel to fall away from God again and again and again.

a) If the people knew that the kings they wanted so badly would lead them away from God, do you think they still would have wanted a king? \_\_\_\_\_

b) Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Part II: Reflection Questions (There are NO wrong answers here!)**

1. What is one thing you worried about lately? (A move? A tough choice? A relationship?)  
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How did you handle the worry? (Were you frightened? Did you pray?)  
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Looking back, how did God help you through it?  
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2. What is one thing you have asked for that your parents, friends or conscience warned you about?  
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How did they warn you?  
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Why did they warn you?  
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Were they right?  
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What did you learn?  
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3. Your best friend is having bad headaches and will be going in for a brain-scan tomorrow. She is afraid she might have a tumor or a brain disease. First read Joshua 1:9, then write what you would say to her:  
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